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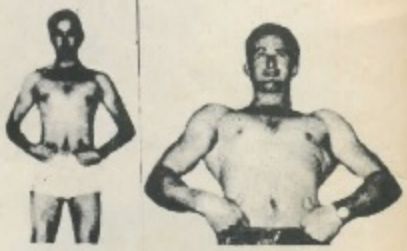

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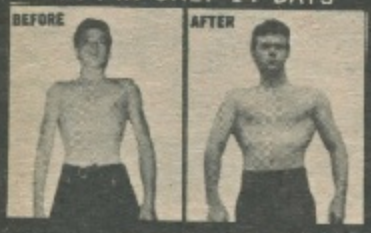

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By PEDRO MARTINEZ

This is the great group of wrestlers who participated in the World Wrestlethon Tournament promoted by Pedro Martinez in 1960. Picture shows the wrestlers donating their share toward a charity fund of the Buffalo Police Benevolent Association, which received a share of the proceeds. First row, l. to r., Kenji Shibuya, Duke Keomuka, Cowboy Bob Ellis, Mike Gallagher, Doc Gallagher, Dick Fischer, Chairman of the event, Illo DePaolo, Hans Herrman. Second row, l. to r., The Sheik, Billy (Red) Lyons, Hercules Cortez, Fritz von Goering, Frank Valois, Fritz von Erich, Waldo von Erich, Don Leo Jonathan.

In the mid-thirties the country was in a downward spiral and millions were unemployed. However, it was at this time that I decided to enter the ranks of professional wrestling. Following the advice of Mark Twain who said, "Go west, young man, go west," I did exactly as he said. But I found the pickings pretty slim.

I accepted some matches on the West Coast and believe it or not I wrestled for $3.00 and $5.00 a match during the early part of my career. It was indeed a dismal outlook for any youngster who came into pro wrestling as his vocation.

I sat down one night and tried to figure a way out of my problem. If I were to be successful as a wrestler I would have to come up with something unusual, some kind of gimmick that cound create interest among the fans.

I went to my father and told him what I would like to do. He had worked around plastics and together we concocted a substance that would produce rubber plastic. My father fashioned a plastic rubber mask that would stretch with the contours of my face. I wore that hideous contraption and started to wrestle as "The Octopus."

Surprisingly, things began to brighten up considerably. I made as much money as Jesse James in his heyday and it seemed I was on the way toward fame and riches. I wrestled more on the West Coast and then west to the Orient to spread my magic as "The Octopus." In Japan the fans gave me a great welcome and after matches they would ride me around on rick-shaws.

I returned to the U.S. but instead of going west I came east because I thought the opportunitits would be greater in a different territory. I wrestled for a while without my mask but somehow I had acquired a consuming desire to become a promoter.

I was wrestling one night in Montreal and I was informed that Rochester, N.Y. offered great possibilities as a wrestling center. I threw my tights aside and made a post-haste trip to the Kodak City to view the situation. What I saw seemed to fit in with my plans because it presented the opportunity to become a promoter.

In Rochester, I promoted wrestling and boxing for 11 years. Then, I became head of the Manhattan Booking Agency in New York for one year. In 1952, I came to Buffalo and joined Ed Don George, who was promoting in The Queen City Of The Lakes.

I realized at this point that promoting could become a confusing, frustrating business unless you came up with attractions that would draw in the crowds. I saw myself in the vanguard of a change form heave and toss and grunt and groan to the lurid razzle-dazzle that is today's version of the ancient Greek sport.

Don George drew some good crowds with such stars as Strangler Bob Wagner, Gorgeous George, Maurice Tillet, The French Angel, Nanjo Singh, Whipper Billy Watson and other top flight performers. However, in the late fifties, the crowds seemed to dwindle for some reason and apparently Ed Don George became disgusted at the turn of events.

Personally, I had ideas about the whole situation. In 1957, I bought out Ed Don's franchise. As head of the Buffalo Wrestling Club, I rolled up my sleeves and went to work with a determined will to succeed or else. I burned the mazdas into the wee small hours of the morning formulating plans to bring the greatest attractions it was possible to book.

At that time Baron Ricardo Gattoni had come to town and won a series of astonishing matches. He headlined programs for several weeks and came up with victory after fictory. It remained for me to bring somebody to town who would give Baron Gattoni some real opposition.

To the north of us in Canada, Gene Kiniski was kicking over the traces in his well-known swashbuckling manner and I felt he would be the man who would give some kind of opposition to the successful reign of Baron Gattoni.

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Through the years professional wrestling has been a stronghold for individualism. Men such as Lou Thesz, Ed "Strangler" Lewis, Jim Londos, Pat O'Connor, Gene Kiniski, Dory Funk Jr. and many others have made their mark on the sports scene with unique, personal styles and efforts.

Likewise, the National Wrestling Alliance has recognized the individual World Champions in the heavyweight, junior heavyweight and light heavyweight divisions. At one time a grils' champion was recognized but the NWA voted to discontinue this distinction many years ago.

Recently many fine grapplers have been combining their talents to go into the increasingly lucrative field of tag team wrestling. Fans throughout the world have come to enjoy tag team matches, which combine wrestling's mixed bag of indivudual talent into a cooperative effort between two diverse personalties.

Thus, the enthusiasm has begun to grow for NWA recognition of World Tag Team Champions. Alliance President Sam Muchnick stated, "I will recommend that the NWA recognize a World Tag Team Championship combination during out 24th annual convention in Mexico City on Aug. 6, 7, and 8. There seems to be a great demand among the world's promoters for such recognition to made."

Undoubtedly such recognition would come only after a major tournament involving all of the top teams in the world. Muchnick discussed one plan to choose the World Tag Team Champions. "Each area could arrange a tournament involving the top tag team duos active there," explained Muchnick. "For instance, there would be tournaments in various sections of the United States, Canada, Mexico, Australia and Japan. The winners of these regional tournaments could then meet in a global showdown to determine who the World Tag Team Champions would be."

Such a world-wide tournament would offer several benefits to the mat community. Considering the large number of skilled tag team available, a tournament would be tremendously exciting and probably draw a number of new fans to the sport. The publicity benefits in television, radio, newspapers and magazines would be outstanding.

Another thing which is bound to spark discussion at the convention is the subject of uniform wrestling rules in all states, something which Muchnick and the Alliance have long favored. "Each state seems to have a different set of rules. As an example, one state might have a count of twenty on the floor and ten on the apron. Another might have a ten-count on both the floor and the apron. A third might have no count on the apron and ten on the floor.

"What is an automatic disqualification in one state may be perfectly legal in another," Muchnick pointed out. "In Missouri a man is disqualified automatically for tossing his opponent over the top rope. In some other states this is legal. And these are just a few of the instances where rules vary from state to state.

"This is something which works a real hardship on the wrestler,.' Muchnick continued. "After all, the wrestler is constantly on the road and appearing in many different areas. In the heat of battle it is easy for a man to forget the technicalities of one state's rules and be disqualified. This not only hurts the wrestler, but it also cheats the fan who plays good money to see a winner not determined by a cheap disqualification."

Other professional sports — such as baseball, football, basketball and hockey — are governed by the same rules no matter where they are played. Of course, major league action in these sports is somewhat limited compared to the scope of wrestling. There are 24 big league baseball teams, 26 football teams, 14 hockey clubs and 29 basketball teams, comgining both National and American Basketball Associations. One city often supports two or more of these sports.

By contrast, every large city in the country boasts of top-flight wrestling action. This is especially true of those cities of over 100,000 in population. The vast majority of these promotions are NWA members. Therefore, ay champion which has NWA recognition — be it individual or tag team — receives a tremendous amount of personal exposure. . .to fans in ALL areas.

Whether or not the NWA votes to recognize World Tag Champions and whether or not the NWA can convince the various State Athletic Commissions to adopt a uniform set of mat rules, fans around the world can rest assured that the NWA is doing its utmost to serve professional wrestling and the loyal public which supports it.

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NATIONAL WRESTLING ALLIANCE

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Regional differences are bound to occur occasionally in a body as large as the National Wrestling Alliance, a cooperative of professional wrestling promoters in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Japan and Australia along with affiliates in other countries. Some of these differences are acceptable, others are quite aggravating.

For instance, the N.W.A. has long been united behind a goal of uniform wrestling rules. According to Sam Muchnick, president of the N.W.A. and mat promoter in St. Louis, Mo., about 30 of the 50 United States have State Athletic Commissions. Many rule variations occur between the various Commissions. Those states without Commissions must depend upon rules set up by the local promoters.

If a wrestler is in one state, he may be disqualified for not breaking a hold by the count of "5." In another state the count for disqualification may be "4" or even "3." Some states allow a man twenty seconds to return to the ring from the floor. Other states give only ten seconds. What constitutes an automatic disqualification in some states (i.e. tossing an opponent over the top rope, using a knee drop to the ttroat), may be perfectly legal in another locale.

Obviously this works quite a hardship on the average professional wrestler, who is constantly on the road and wrestles in several different states during a given time period. He may find himself disqualified in an important match for breaking a rule he didn't even know existed.

Thus, the N.W.A. is trying to set up one standard of rules which would be adopted by all State Athletic Commissions and used by those promoters in areas which have no Commissions. Florida, for example, does not have the Athletic Commission but its promoters try to follow N.W.A. guidelines.

Basically, what the N.W.A. recommends is a count of "5" to break a hold before disqualification, a count of "10" to return from the ring apron and a count of "20" to return from the floor. Using a knee drop to an opponent's throat or tossing a foe over the top rope would mean an immediate disqualification. Likewise, Muchnick feels an automatic disqualification and possibly a fine should be levied for intentionally striking a referee. Needless to say, all of the three preceeding rules are "judgment calls" for the ring official.

Although the N.W.A. is against regional rules, it has no quarrel with the concept of regional champions. Muchnick explained that "the N.W.A. does not sanction any regional title. The N.W.A. recognizes World Champions in three different weight categories. At this time Dory Funk Jr. is the World Heavyweight king, Ramon Torres is the Junior Heavyweight titleholder and El Solitario is the Light Heavyweight champion. It is possible that we will eventually recognize a World Tag Team Champion, but at this moment we recognize no tag team titles."

Muchnick claimed that regional champions can be very useful to a promoter. Not only does a regional crown help produce a logical contender for the N.W.A. World Champion, but it also gives the wrestlers in a certain area another goal for which to aim. Among the many regional titles now being used are the Florida State, Central States, Pacific Coast, Hawaii, Texas State and Southern States.

The N.W.A. president books the heavyweight champion. He does not, however, control the champ's opponents. And, in this instance, he is not booking Funk as an individual. "If Funk were beaten tomorrow by a regional champion or any other wrestler, the same dates already booked would hold on the new titleholder. The new man simply picks up the dates of the old, dethroned champ," explained Muchnick, who is serving his 19th term in the head chair.

If the champion refuses to meet a certain opponent, the local promoter may protest to the N.W.A. president. The champion must state his reasons for not wanting to face a grappler and it is possible that such a dispute could end up before the N.W.A. board of directors.

Funk, however, has created no such problems. "He has been a great champion," declared Muchnick. "Dory always gives 110% both in and out of the ring. His popularity is attested to by the fact that, as champion, he is now booked six months into 1972."

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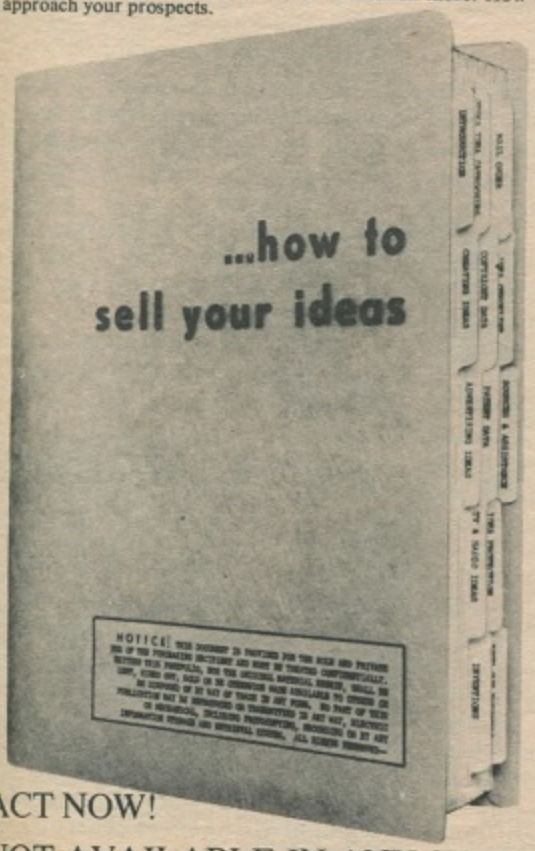

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EDITORIAL

PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN GLASS HOUSES SHOULD NOT THROW STONES

By NORMAN H. KIETZER

We have stated before in other editorials that we believe that professional wrestling should have one world's champion – not just in the heavyweight division but also in the other divisions as well. We also feel that at the present time there are two valid World's Heavyweight titles – that of the National Wrestling Alliance and that of the American Wrestling Alliance.

Mr. Sam Muchnick, the president of the National Wrestling Alliance, in "The Case For The National Wrestling Alliance" which appeared in WRESTLING MONTHLY last October, described the American Wrestling Alliance as being like a group of baseball players who drop out of the major leagues and tour the country calling themselves the 'world champions of baseball.'

We stated that we as a magazine feel there is no one champion at the present time but that we felt the claims of the N.W.A. and the A.W.A. both ahd some validity but that there would be no genuine champion until the matter was settled between Funk and Gagne in the wrestling ring.

Mr. Muchnick, in a letter to this editor, stated, "Like you, I feel there should be one champion for the good of wrestling. But we do have one. . .he is Dory Funk, Jr."

Mr. Muchnick also stated in another letter that he hoped that someday the A.W.A. would come back into the National Wrestling Alliance and that he felt that the chief reason that the A.W.A. remains separate at this time is that A.W.A. promoters are all doing very well financially and are not concerned with rejoining the larger alliance.

To rejoin the N.W.A., apparently the A.W.A. would have to do the same as the W.W.W.F. recently did – that is, they would have to drop the world title claim of Gagne, just as the W.W.W.F. dropped the world claim of Pedro Morales.

What Mr. Muchnick says is all well and good, but we think that some of the N.W.A. policies deserve careful examination.

For example, calling A.W.A. wrestlers a bunch of major league dropouts is ridiculous. But the N.W.A. did this in their press release.

Recently appearing on A.W.A. cards in Chicago have been stars like Dick the Bruiser, Black Jack Lanza, Black Jack Mulligan, Wilbur Snyder, and Baron von Raschke. These same grapplers have been appearing on the recent N.W.A. cards that Mr. Muchnick promotes in St. Louis. So, if they are major league dropouts in Chicago, they are certainly dropping in and out of the N.W.A. major league at least once a month.

I feel it is ridiculous for the N.W.A. to claim that the talent on their cards is superior to A.W.A. talent. Besides the fact that much of it is the same talent, I would add that Verne Gagne successfully defended the A.W.A. title against four recent N.W.A. titleholders – Dory Funk, Jr., Gene Kiniski, Pat O'Connor, and Lou Thesz.

Also, note from the recent press releases that we printed in Wrestling Monthly that the N.W.A. promoters considered and voted down a motion that they recognize one set of World's Tag Team Champions. Instead they continue to recognize several sets in various sections of the country.

Now we agree with the N.W.A. that regional champions are good, but not when those regional tag titleholders are billed as world champions as they are in Nashville, San Francisco, and several other N.W.A. booking offices.

If the N.W.A. is really sincere in the belief that there should be one World's Heavyweight Champion and regional champions who are billed only as champion of the region that they represent and not as world champions, then the N.W.A. should insist on the same setup on the tag team division the second most important in professional wrestling.

After all, the A.W.A. has one set of World Tag Team Champions who defend their title throughout the alliance and are well accepted. An A.W.A. promoter who feels he wants regional tag champions as well is allowed to have them. Joe Dusek, of Omaha is a good example. He has Midwest Tag Team Champions in his area but several times a year he brings in the World Tag Team Champions and often they are matched against the Midwest titleholders for a super title confrontation.

It seems to us that if the N.W.A. promoters are really sincere in their belief that there should be one World's Heavyweight, World's Junior Heavyweight, and World's Lightheavyweight Champion, then they can hardly justify having more than one World's Tag Team titleholding combination.

Mr. Muchnick stated in a recent letter to this editor, "I believe that in time the N.W.A. will recognize a tag team combination but at the presentime, no. We will have our 25th annual convention in Las Vegas next year at which time I will bring the matter up again."

We agree with the N.W.A. when they say that there should be one champion, but we feel that if they are sincere they should have this same policy in the tag team division. It is hardly fair for the N.W.A. to charge that the A.W.A. is hurting wrestling by recognizing a different champion in the heavyweight division when the National Wrestling Alliance promoters are guilty of the same thing in the tag team division.

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BRISCO IS KING

Sirs:

First, let me say that you indeed have the finest and best-written wrestling magazine available. Keep up the good work.

In answer to a fan's letter in the January '72 issue of WRESTLING MONTHLY, you stated, in reference to Jack Brisco, that "he has had his chances at the title and he hasn't won it yet. I won't rank him over Funk until he beats him in the wrestling ring." You have obviously forgotten that Jack Brisco did defeat Dory Funk, Jr. in a non-title match in Tampa several months ago. And Brisco did defeat Funk in a title match in Miami in August, 1971. Then why hasn't Brisco got the belt? Going back to that match in Miami, a 2-out-of-3 fall, 90-minute time limit match, Brisco pinned Funk for the first fall. During the second fall, Brisco had his figure-four-leg-lock on Funk, who instinctively scrambled for the ropes. The referee broke it up. Several seconds later, Funk threw Brisco over the top rope and wasdisqualified. The referee hale Brisco's hand in victory, having beaten Funk in two straight falls, but the belt went back into Dory's hands.

The first time I saw Brisco and Funk wrestle was in Jacksonville, about two years ago. About a minute and a half from the end, Brisco clamped on his figure four. Funk withstood the pain until the bell rang, the time limit having expired. From that moment I knew Brisco was the better wrestler. Then two months later they were rematched at the Gator Bowl in a 2-hour time limit, one fall event. Every time Brisco got his fogure four on Funk, Funk scrambled for the ropes. Brisco became angered and finally refused to release the hold, and was disqualified. A match in Orlando last year was a near replay of the two previous matches. Every time Brisco had his figure four on Funk, those ropes would be nearby. It also went to a time limit draw. Earlier in 1971, Brisco pinned Funk in that non-title match in Tampa. He was then given a title match in St. Patersburg with Funk but before this took place, Dory Sr. placed a $5000 bounty on Brisco's head. Nobody could collect. The St. Petersburg match went to a draw, and Funk announced on TV that he was tired of this and he would give Brisco one more match, and there would be a winner. That was the Miami match. (Before that, Brisco had defeated Fory Sr. in the first Texas Death Match Funk had lost in more than 270 matches!)

It is particularly interesting to note that the very night before that Miami match, Brisco sucessfully defended his Southern Heavyweight Championship against the challenge of Gene Kiniski by defeating the former champ with the figure-four-leg-lock. This was a particularly rough match, yet the next night in Miami, Brisco defeated Funk in two straight falls. Do you now still rank Funk over Brisco?

Brisco has proven to be better than Funk, but has run up against an obstacle known as a disqualification. Funk could keep his title until arthritis forced him to retire from wrestling, simply by getting disqualified. It is obvious that Brisco would now be the NWA world champ if Dory Jr. hadn't gotten himself disqualified. Nevertheless, I predict that Brisco will take Funk's title within a year.

Bruce T. Lage
Orlando, Florida

LIKED FEATURE ON PRELIMINARY WRESTLERS

Sirs:

I would like to compliment you on your magazine. It is, without a doubt, the best on the stands out here. I would also like to thank you for writing about less-wellknown wrestlers such as Freddie Baron, George Gadaski, Kenny Jay, Ken Yates, etc.

In closing, I would like to say that you and your magazine are probably the most honest in wrestling literature.

Dave Hatherly
Winnipeg, Canada

DON'T IGNORE TRICKY NICKY BOCKWINKEL

Sirs:

I would like to say that your great magazine, Wrestling Monthly, can't be beat. I have but one small complaint. I was wondering whether or not you have had an article on the great Nick Bockwinkle. I don't think that you have.

He has held numerous regional titles, such as the Georgia State Heavyweight title, the Florida State Heavyweight title, and two gib titles that include the North American Heavyweight title, and the U.S. title.

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So the next time you think about writing articles on bums like Fred Blassie, Hart and Parente, Killer Kowalski and others, think about Nick Bockwinkel. When a person such as he can make these great accomplishments within a short period of time, then I think that he shold receive the recognition that he so badly deserves.

In my opinion, Nick Bockwinkel is the uncrowned champion of the world, many of the people will agree.

Tim Everaert
Minneapolis, Minn.

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TAG TEAM TOURNAMENT ENDS - KANGAROOS WIN TITLE!

George Cannon and his victorious Kangaroos with the World's Tag Team Championship belts.

By GARY WORONCHAK

During the past year, a big tournament has gone on in the Michigan-Ohio area. The reason? To fill the vacant world tag team championship. The finals of the tourney were held recently at Cobo Arena in Detroit with the Fabulous Kangaroos facing Ben Justice and Guy "The Stomper" Mitchell.

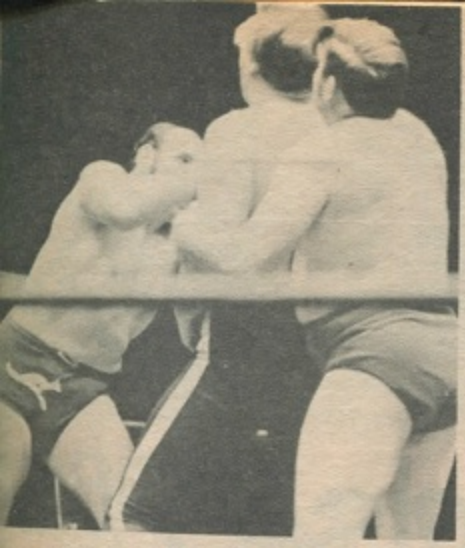
The origin of the tournament was tragic. Lord Layton and Bobo Brazil were reigning champions at the time. Everything was going fine until December 19, 1970, when during a bout with the Sheik, Layton was seriously burned by the Arab's mystical fire. With Layton unable to wrestle for an indefinite period, he and Brazil were forced to give up the title. This led Detroit promoter Francis Fleser to devise one of the biggest wrestling tournaments ever.

News of the tourney spread quickly throughout the wrestling world. Top teams from all over flocked to the Michigan-Ohio area in hopes of gaining the championship belts. Top-flight teams such as the Skull Brothers, Ben Justice and the Stomper, Mitsu Arakawa and Yoshino Sato, Dewey Robertson and Murray Cummings, the Kangaroos, Bobo Brazil and Fred Curry, the Love Brothers, Dom Denucci and Tony Parisi, and many more spent nearly the whole year of 1971 wrestling to gain enough points to reach the finals. Finally, after months of hard tag team wrestling, it was announced that the Kangaroos would meet Ben Justice and the Stomper for the title on December 18, 1971.

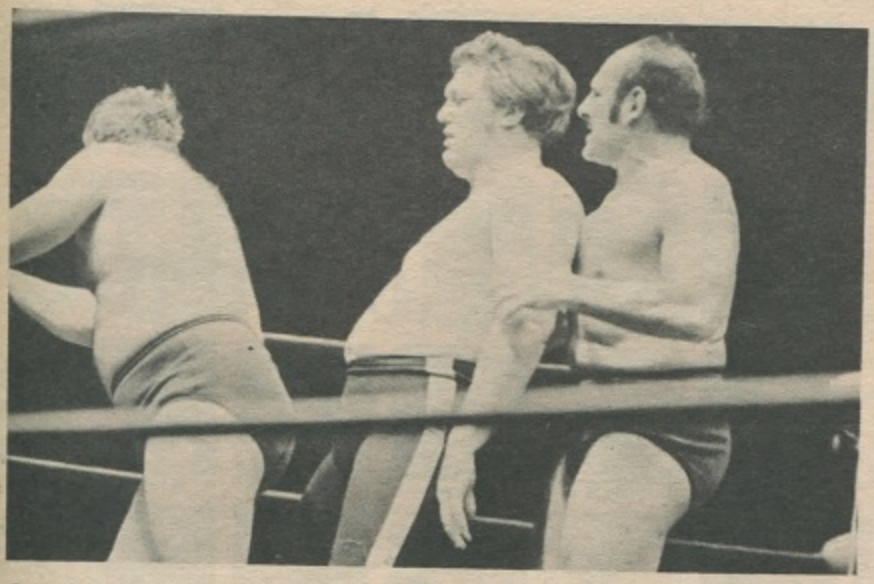
Al Costello bulldogs The Stomper to the mat.

The Fabulous Kangaroos are indeed a formidable team. Al Costello and Don Kent, along with their manager, George "Crybaby" Cannon, are seldom on the losing side of a bout. They are known throughout the wrestling world as one of the roughest teams around.

Ben Justice and Guy "the Stomper" Mitchell are also a very tough team. Their timing is perfect. Together they held the world tag team championship in 1970. They are both top rate single wrestlers and are very impressive as a team. The very fact that they reached the finals of the tournament attests to

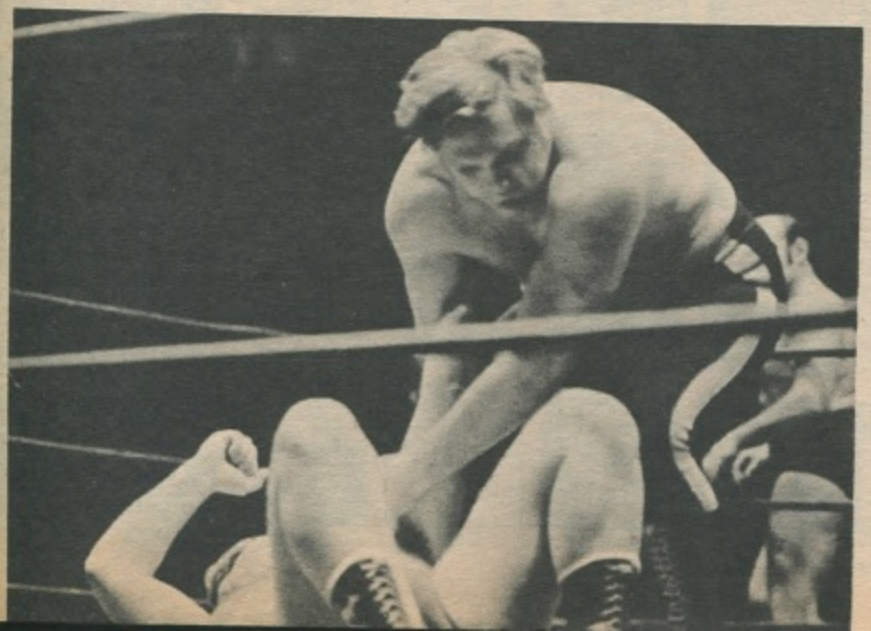


Costello and Kent work over The Stomper and eventually injure his leg as they go all out for victory.



Costello holds The Stomper so that Don Kent can land a blow with all the force possible. Cannon was the mastermind behind this strategy.

The Stomper got in a few licks of his own. Here he has Don Kent in trouble with an armlock.



their greatness. A match between two teams of this calibre would be a main event in any arena.

Finally the time had come. The lights in Detroit's Cobo Arena dimmed to signal the end of the intermission. George Cannon entered, carrying the Kangaroos' banner, followed closely by Costello and Kent. They were greeted by a mixed chorus of cheers and jeers because, although they sometimes win foul, many fans still respect their great wrestling ability. Next came Ben Justice and Guy "Stomper" Mitchell. The ovation they received was deafening.

After the lenghty introductions, the bout got underway. Stomper and Justice got an early advantage by scientifically working the Kangaroos over and using the same strategies that made them tag team champs a couple of years ago. But then the tide began to turn. Whenever either Justice or Stomper would gain an advantage on one Kangaroo, the other would interfere. Then the Kangaroos began to roll. They trapped the Stomper in their corner and began to work him over. When Justice came over to help his partner, they threw him out of the ring into Cannon's waiting arms. Cannon pummeled Justice's head with his boomerang, while the action in the ring kept the referee busy.

With Justice out of the fight, Kent and Costello went to work on the Stomper, or to be more specific, the Stomper's leg. They punished the leg to the point that he couldn't even walk. They allowed him to crawl over and attempt a tag with Justice, but Justice was being contained by Cannon. The Kangaroos laughed heartily as they unmercifully mauled the Stomper. With Stomper unable to continue, the bout and the title were awarded to the Fabulous Kangaroos. The Kangaroos embraced their manager and danced around joyfully. The Stomper had to be carried out on a stretcher. The Fabulous Kangaroos exited, to the fans' obvious disapproval, as the new world tag team champions.

The question now is: How long will they hold the title? Who can beat them? Or, will the Fabulous Kangaroos ever be defeated as long as they have George Cannon in their corner at every bout?

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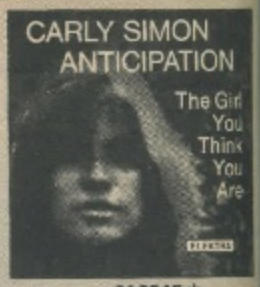

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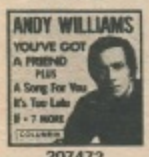

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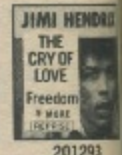

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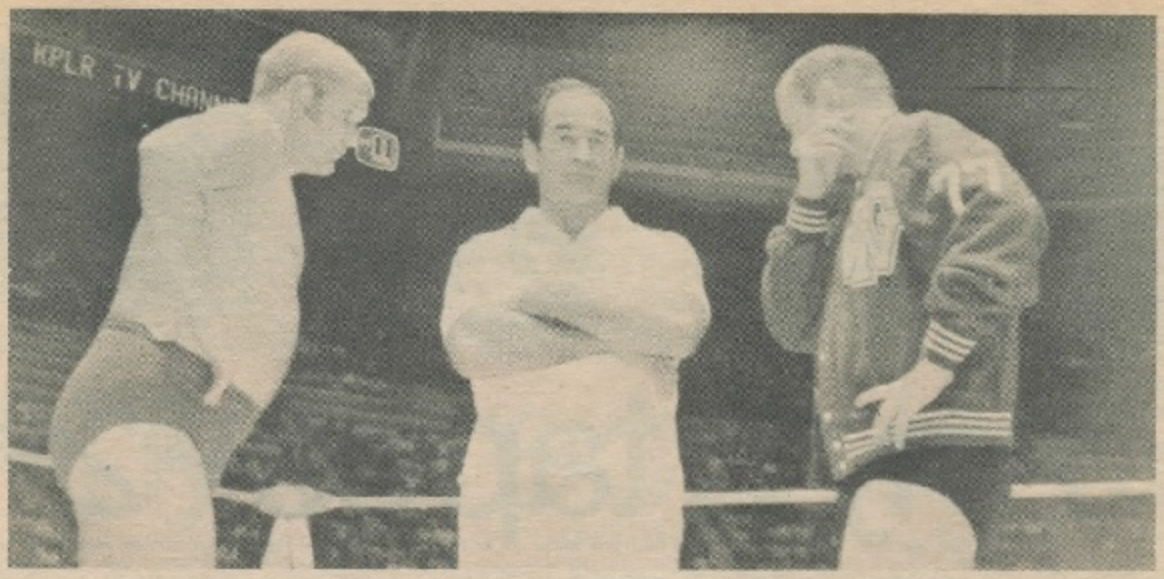


Race considers this a look at three of wrestling's greats – Lou Thesz (center) the "great champion of them all, Funk (right) the present champion and Race – the man who will replace both of them!"

WRESTLING'S SWINGER - HANDSOME HARLEY RACE

By LARRY MATYSIK

Race displays his central states title belt, which was not at stake in the duel with Funk.

What does rugged, handsome Harley Race have in common with football's Joe Namath, hockey's Derek Sanderson and baseball's Joe Pepitone?

The answer is easy. Race, like the aforementioned trio, is an outstanding example of today's "New Breed" in professional athletics. He combines a reputation for "swinging" out of the ring with a record of outstanding success inside the squared circle. And, in the mold of Namath, Pepitone and Sanderson, Race isn't afraid to state what he feels are his attributes.

"Every man in the ring today has weakensses, things which he could do better," Race explained. "The main difference between myself and the vast majority of today's wrestlers is that I have much fewer of these weaknesses. In fact, my weaknesses would be strong points for many grapplers.

"Let's face it," Harley went on. "I'm just a little bit better than anyone else, both in the ring and out of the ring. There are plenty of tough, talented wrestlers today. . .but I have just the edge needed to beat any single one of them."

What sets Race aside from many of the matmen who prefer to wink at the rulebook is that he says what he thinks without shouting, ranting or raving. "I don't have to shout. I have class, something which far too many people today lack," declared Race. "Why shout? People just naturally want to hear what a man of my talents has to say."

The 6-1, 245-pounder has come a long way from his days near St. Joseph, Mo., where he was also an outstanding football prospect. Although he had offers to go to college on a football scholarship, Race decided that he wanted to go into pro wrestling immediately. He felt that the chances of injury were too great before he could turn to the play-for-pay ranks in football after at least four years. Furthermore, despite later profitable experiences in tag team wrestling, Race is basically a loner — a man who relies upon his own abilities.

Harley had his first

Lou Thesz must have been thinking what he would have done in Dory Funk, Jr.'s spot as Race prepared to crash Funk to the mat with the suplex slam.

professional match at age 16. "It was quite an experience," Race chuckles now. But it wasn't all that funny for a while, especially when other grapplers spotted the natural talent Harley had and began to ignore him in the hopes that the trials of learning the ropes might chase Race from wrestling.

"I was pretty much on my own," Harley admits with only a trace of bitterness in his tight smile. "Only Buddy Austin and Buddy Rogers were willing to give me any help, but they were loyal and gave plenty of good advice. Other guys — well, they were only concerned with what I might do to them after I got some experience. I guess I can't really blame them, but I've always felt what they'd done, or hadn't done, was cheap."

It wasn't long before Race was developing into a top-flight pro. Then, as he toured Japan in 1964, he made it a point to watch the Greco-Roman wrestling meet during the Olympic Games. There he got the idea for his suplex slam, one of the most devastating maneuvers in wrestling today. "I have some background in amateur and Greco-Roman competition," explained Harley. "After seeing a version of the suplex in use during the Olympics, I began training and experimenting to make that hold the one I could depend upon to win a match."

The suplex has won more than one bout for Race since. He joined Larry Hennig in a tag team combination which dominated the tandem picture for several years. Race and Hennig headlined cards from Minneapolis to Chicago to Denver. All good things must come to an end, however, and Race was beginning to feel the urge to concentrate on singles matches when Hennig suffered a leg injury and was laid up for several months.

"I prefer to wrestle on my own," Harley said. "I was sorry to end our partnership, and especially sorry to see Larry injured, but the time was ripe for me to branch out. Some so-called experts were claiming that I was only good as a tag team wrestler. I didn't believe that was true, and I think I've proved these loud-mouth experts wrong since Hennig and I broke up."

What an understatement! It was not long before Race had knocked off wily Bob Geigel in Kansas City to become the U.S. Central States Heavyweight Champion in an area encompassing Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, Missouri and Illinois. "This is a big steppingstone for me. It guarantees that I will be meeting top competition in main events and taking home the best paycheck available. Even if certain wrestlers want no part of me, it is rather difficult for them to duck me while I hold this regional crown," pointed out Harley.

"I don't kid myself though. The big belt is the one around the waist of World Heavyweight Champion Dory Funk, Jr. Every time that I successfully defend the Central State honor, I move one step closer to the World Title. That is what I'm after," Race concluded.

He makes no bones about the proven abilities of Funk, whom Race described as "young, tough and talented. He has proven himself a great champion by taking on everyone. The question now is whether or not Funk will give me a chance which I deserve — a chance which Funk knows that I deserve!"

Undoubtedly Funk is cognizant of the fact that Race is one of his most dangerous and persistent challengers. Recently Race earned a crack at Funk in St. Louis, and the manner in which he earned that opportunity and the battle which he gave Funk deserve mention. They point out a fact that many fans tend to ignore — Harley Race is one tough fellow!

Following impressive triumphs over Dewey Robertson and Ronnie Etchison, Race locked horns with the man many claim is the most dangerous in professional werstling — Dick "the Bruiser." The battle was set for two-of-three falls, and many "experts" were writing the obituary to Race's reign as Central States king.

But Harley matched "The Bruiser" blow for blow, kick for kick. He surprised "Rowdy Richard" by taking the opening fall with a diving head butt, a spectacular move which Race had been perfecting as a compliment to the suplex slam. "The Bruiser," however, stormed back and battered Harley into defeat for the second fall as only "The Bruiser" can do.

The Kiel Auditorium crowd of nearly 10,000 was at fever pitch for the deciding stanza. "The Bruiser" took the action outside the ring, flipping Race through the strands and onto the press table. Harley found himself banged head-first into the table, but then returned the favor and crashed "The Bruiser" into the boards.

Harley then hoisted himself onto the apron as the referee continued the count toward "twenty." "The Bruiser" recovered quickly and grabbed Race's leg. Desperately, Race tried to avoid the count-out by going over the ropes, but "The Bruiser" doggedly held on to Harley's limb. Race then managed to balance himself on the top rope and lash out with his free leg, kicking "The Brusier" squarely in the head and sending him tumbling into the first row of spectators. The force of his kick hurtled Race back into the ring — just in time to beat the "twenty" count and make Race the winner as "The Bruiser" was counted out of the ring.

Promoter Sam Muchnick, however, wasn't finished with the testing of Race. He immediately matched Race with one of St. Louis' most popular athletes — "Cowboy" Bob Ellis. Again Race was equal to the test. Not only did he survive one of

Ellis' patented bulldog headlocks, but he managed to turn Ellis' best weapon against him. As the "Cowboy" went into his leap to finish off the bulldog, Race shifted his weight and managed to drop Ellis squarely across Harley's knee. Race then dive-bombed Ellis from the second rope with a pair of head butts and few could deny that Harley was indeed the top choice to meet Funk at the beautiful Arena in the Gateway City.

Adding to the drama was the fact that hometown hero Lou Thesz was imported as the special referee. "That's fine!" boasted Race before the bout. "Thesz is the greatest champion ever, Funk is the champion now — and Harley Race will be the guy to take both of their places."

Alas, it wasn't to be. But it was no discredit to Race. Fans were amazed to discover something that the real pros already knew — Race can wrestle when he really wants to. Race more than held his own with Funk during the first fall as he matched the World Champion hold for hold, grip for grip and escape for escape. Harley particularly gave Funk some moments of grief with a perfectly-executed flying head scissors.

Before long, however, Harley began to unleash some of the back-alley tactics that have earned boos and jeers. Funk fought back in kind and soon had Harley reeling with a series of flying tackles. Race, however, wisely lifted his knee into Funk's path, literally rattling the rafters when he rammed the joint into Funk's jaw. Dory went down like he had been shot and was easy prey for Race's suplex slam.

Funk gave Race a quick demonstration why Dory has held the National Wrestling Alliance laurels for some three years. He rallied and caught Race unaware with a reverse jackknife and cradle as Race himself began to depend upon flying tackles.

The third fall was a classic portrait of modern pro wrestling. Each man unleashed all of the tricks in his bag. Race's one-arm back breaker couldn't hold the champion down, and even the suplex failed when Funk squirmed clear of the mat. Twice Harley escaped Funk's famous spinning toehold and Race also slipped out of Dory's abdominal stretch.

It began to seem as though Funk's strength was waning under Race's determined assault. A body slam sent the resin flying, but Race was surprised to find Funk able to return the compliment and slam Harley. Then Race turned the tables and left Funk gasping with a vicious head butt to the stomach. Another body slam left Funk prone on the mat and Race mounted the ropes for his diving head butt — the surprise weapon.

Race's eyes widened with good reason as he hurtled toward the sopt where Funk's neck SHOULD have been. Funk had rolled to the side and Harley had no way of breaking his fall as he crashed head-first into the mat. Dory had only to roll Race onto his back and flop on the Central States titleholder for the clinching pin.

"What happened!" moans "Handsome Harley" Race, a near miss loser but a loser nonetheless against Funk.

Discouraged but not destroyed after the narrow defeat, Race seemed even more confident of his chances of becoming the World Champion. "Funk was slipping — I could feel it in the ring. I made one mistake, one simple, silly mistake!

That's the only reason that I don't have the gold belt around my waist today. But my day will come. That's something I'm very sure that Funk realizes deep, down inside."

The day doesn't appear to be close, however, when Race gets the satisfaction of seeing his self-styled nickname of "Handsome Harley" in use by Promoter Muchnick. Race names referees and promoters as his main dislikes in wrestling nad he is especially upset with Muchnick, who simply refuses to use the billing of "Handsome Harley" when he talks about Race.

Referees upset Harley because he feels they hinder his ring style. Of course, Race's anything-goes tactics have upset more than a few fans. "That doesn't bother me," said Harley softly but firmly. "Any top wrestler will tell you that once he is in the ring, he must concentrate solely on his opponent. I don't even hear the fans. I don't care to hear them. Most of them simply lack class."

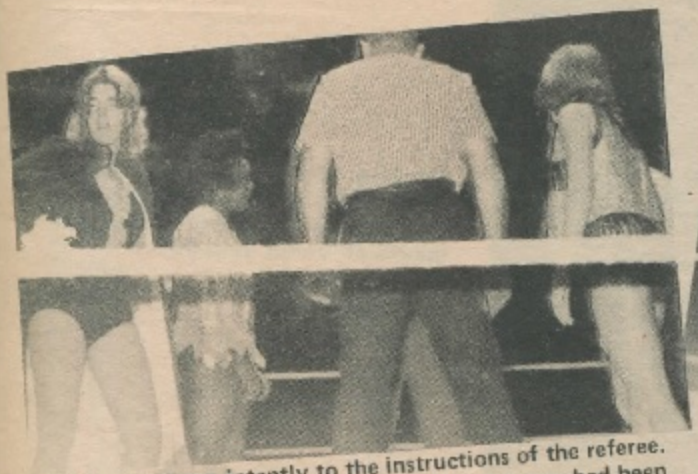
Race is as active away from wrestling as he is when he's flailing at some hapless foe. Harley loves to hunt and is quite an adept woodsman. He often finds relaxation in skin diving, snow skiing and swimming. "Swimming is great exercise. It keeps body tone and doesn't bind a person up like too much weight-lifting tends to do," confided Race.

Harley isn't shy about his "playboy" image. "Why should I be? Most people are envious of me. I like to do exciting things and I am better capable of doing those exciting things than the average person. I like to be around sharp-looking folks, especially beautiful women. And beautiful women like to be around me. I'm not afraid to enjoy myself."

And he enjoys himself most of all inside the ring. Only 29-years old, Race is confident of his future. Even though the likes of "The Bruiser" and Ellis and many other skilled Midwestern grapplers would like nothing better than to squash Race's ambitions, Harley's potential is acknowledged by everyone close to wrestling.

Joe Pepitone played for the New York Yankees when they took several World Championships. Derek Sanderson keyed the Boston Bruins' drive to a Stanley Cup. Joe Namath spearheaded the Super Bowl victory of the New York Jets.

Whither now, "Handsome Harley?"



All the gals listen intently to the instructions of the referee. But they didn't do any good as nearly every one had been broken during the course of their match.

The Action nearly got started before the opening bell as Kay Noble takes a swat at opponent Ethel Johnson.

GAL RIOT AT THE ARENA IN ST. LOUIS

By DAVE BURZYNSKI

Kay Noble stands proud with her trophy as being selected GIRL WRESTLER OF THE YEAR.

No resting in a girls match and Kay Noble finds that out very quickly as she stepped out of the ring and had to go right back a few seconds later.

"Ask her, referee" yells Miss Scott as she holds firm to her arm lock on her foe.

Kneeling in pain, Kay Noble wonders what hit her as she lost the second fall after being knocked around by opponent, Vivian Vachon.

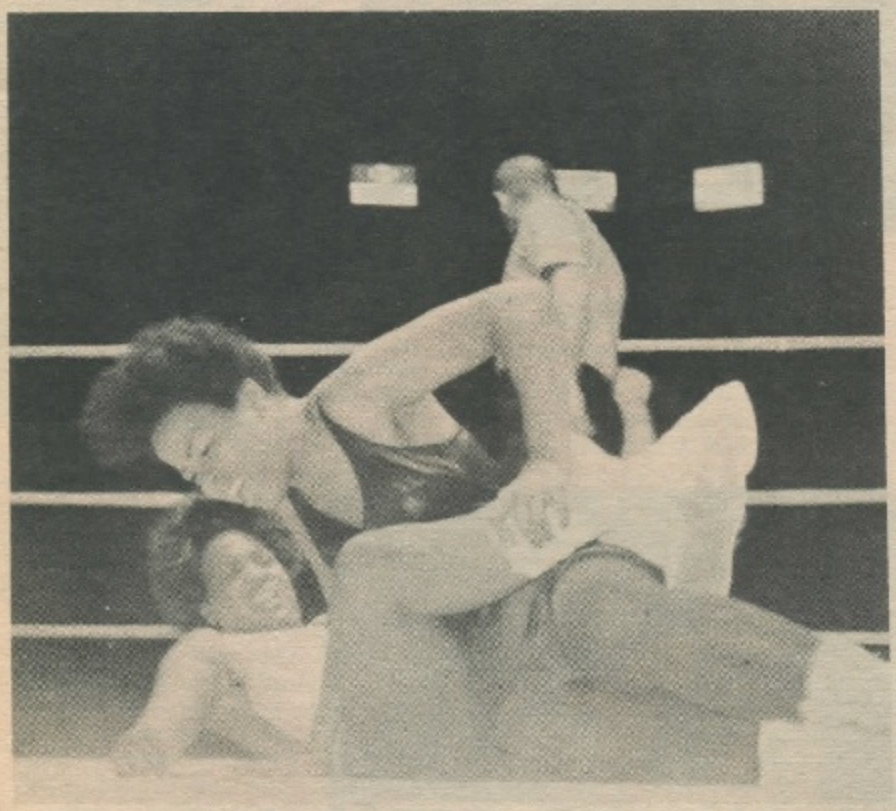
St. Louis promoter Sam Muchnick went all out for the big Arena show held twice a year in St. Louis' big Arena, home of the St. Louis Blues Hockey Club. Stars such as Funk Jr., Harley Race, Bruiser, Von Raschke, Lanza plus a lineup of others. But the match that sent everyone home with their blood running faster than ever was the big girls tag team match.

Listed second on the huge lineup of stars, the team of Vivian Vachon, the 164-pound beauty from Montreal, and partner Ethel Johnson from Columbus, Ohio, a slim curvacious 139 pounds, were to lock horns with the villain team of 15-year ring veteran Kay Noble from St. Joseph, Missouri, and partner Marva Scott, from Detroit.

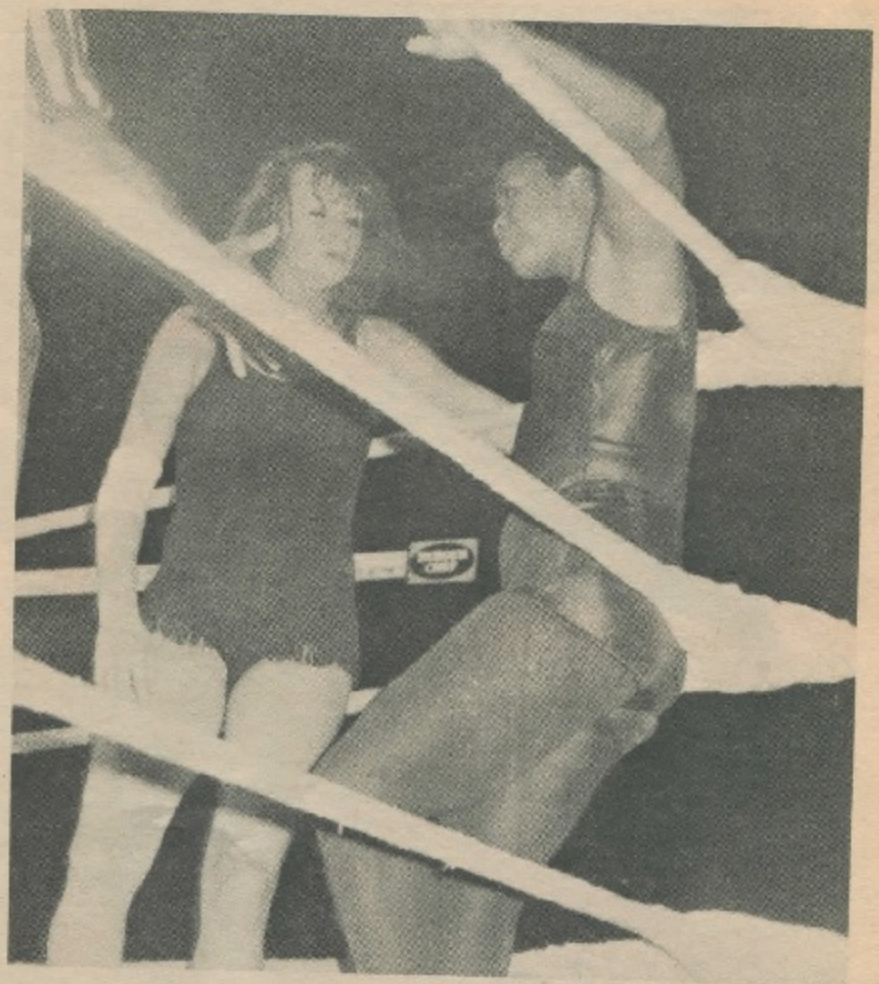
It was scheduled for two out of three falls with a 30-minute time limit. And within those 30 minutes, there were more holds exchanged than anyone can count. The action was fast and the expressions of hate filled the eyes of the dainty ladies of the mat.

At the 5-minute, 20-second mark of the first fall, Kay Noble was the victor over Vivian Vachon after punishing her throughout the fall. She took the fall with a series of flying knee drops.

The tables turned to second fall when Noble didn't have a chance to do anything. Vivian was all steamed up after losing the first fall. Knowing it was win or lose at the time, Vivian went



Which way out wonders Marva Scott after being landed on her bottom by Ethel Johnson.



Very confident Kay Noble and Marva Scott after taking the first fall of the match, needing only one more for the clincher.

berserk, and threw Kay from one corner of the ring to the other. She finished off Kay at the 5:03 mark with a suplex hold, evening the score at one fall apeice.

The third fall saw action both inside and outside the ring. Punches flew every which way and the action was at its peak. Vachon and partner Johnson caught both Noble and Scott off guard and put on a double body scissors and lifted them high into the air and landed them on their bottoms, to the delight of every fan watching and cheering. But it seemed that the tale is true that "The Good Guy Always Wins" and it proved true in this case as Ethel Johnson pinned Marva Scott after a Kangaroo kick at the mark of 6:23 of the final fall.

It was a truly spectacular show put on by both teams. The referee, too, should be credited as he never got a breather with the action as fast and furious as it was.

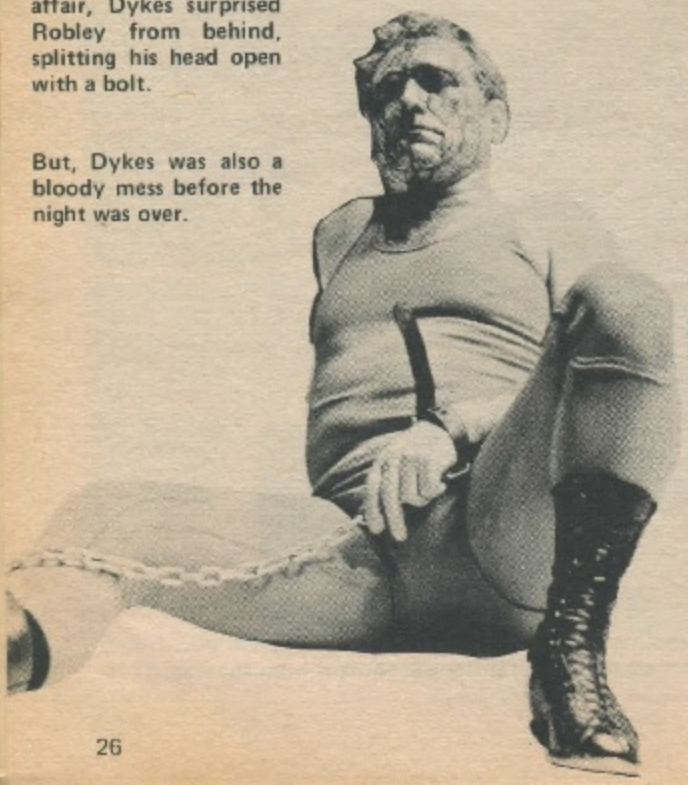
But on the losing side, Kay Noble also came out on the winning side after her match, as she was presented a trophy as being selected GIRL WRESTLER OF THE YEAR by the W.F.I.A. She truly deserved the honor and was speechless after receiving it.

As you see, the men aren't the only ones with the ability to wrestle. The girls are always a fan thriller. As one put it, "We are what you call the starters of the wrestling card. We build up the enthusiasm of the crowd in our opening events, and keep them that way all the way through the main event. We deserve as much credit as the men do." And in my opinion, indeed they do.

Noble helps her partner up after she was thrown from the ring.

DYKES - ROBLEY A CASE OF HATRED

During the tag match that preceded the chain affair, Dykes surprised Robley from behind, splitting his head open with a bolt.



But, Dykes was also a bloody mess before the night was over.

By HOLLIS RUSSELL and RIP BLACKBURN

On October 28, 1971, in Amarillo, Texas, one of the newest, yet one of the bitterest rivalries in the N.W.A. came to a head. Buck Robley, manager of the Continental Warriors, and J.C. Dykes, manager of the famous Infernos, decided to settle their differences in a Russian Chain Match. This rugged match has recently become the most dreaded and avoided type of match in professional wrestling. However, here in the blood wrestling capital of the world this has become the standard match for wrestlers who can resolve their differences in no other way.

This fierce rivalry began last summer when Parente & Hart defeated the tag team of Big Bobby Duncum & Woody Farmer for the Western States Heavyweight Tag Team Championship. Since that time, J.C. Dykes has done his best to badger and provoke the Continental Warriors into a championship match with his Infernos. On several occasions Robley and the Continental Warriors have consented to a championship match with the Infernos. The Infernos, although using underhanded tricks and untold savagery, have never won. The events leading up to this fateful night in October had been snow-balling at a rate so rapid, that few fans knew where it would end. At every opportunity, J.C. Dykes (the red-headed weasel) had slandered and abused publicly the name of Buck Robley, so that a showdown was inevitable.

At long last this fierce hatred exploded, and the inevitable match became a reality. Promoter Jerry Kozak signed the Infernos and the Continental Warriors to a Western States Cahmpionship bout. As if that was not enough, Kozak also signed the Red-headed Weasel and Buck Robley (whom Dykes labeled Yellow Belly) in the most vicious of all bouts, a Russian Chain Match. The rules of a match of this type dictate that both grapplers are strapped

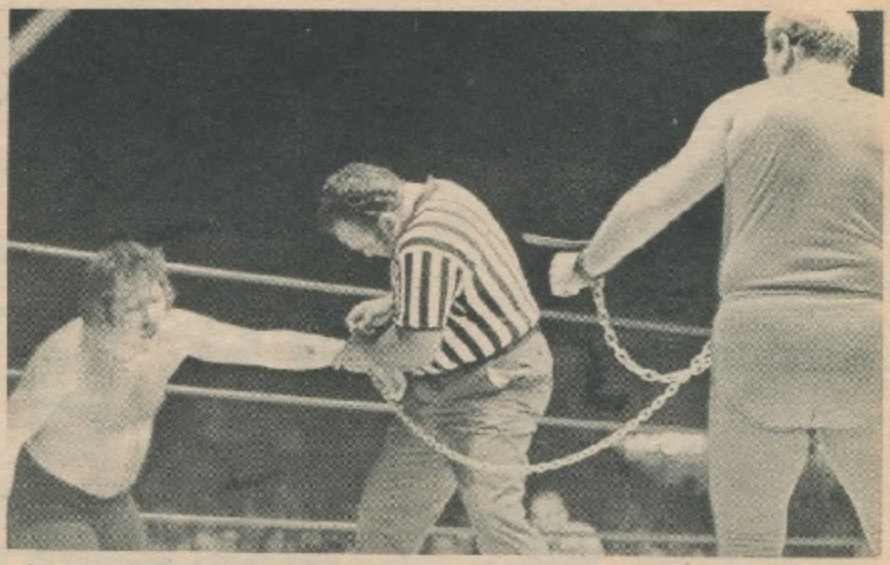
together by a 12-foot chain. The outcome of this match can only be decided when one wrestler, dragging his opponent, touches all four turnbuckles of the ring.

The evening began poorly for Buck Robley as his Continental Warriors tasted bitter defeat at the hands of the hated Infernos, resulting in the loss of the prized belts. As one might expect, the loss was begrudged even more because of the Infernos' underhanded tricks, namely using the club-footed Inferno's loaded boot.

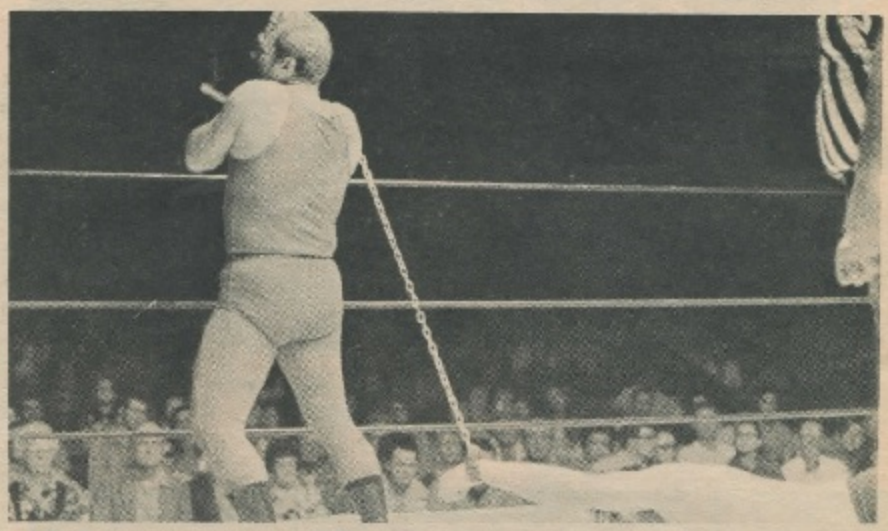
To add insult to injury, during the chaos that followed, J.C.Dykes surprised Robley from behind, splitting his head wide open with a steel bolt.

The stage was now set for the featured event of the evening. Shaken and drained of strength through loss of blood, Robley was hardly in condition for what was to become one of the most strenuous matches of his career. Almost before the bell had stopped ringing, Dykes was upon him. Beating, kicking, and choking Robley, Dykes had not given referee Alex Perez time to strap on the chains. Robley rolled out of the ring and Dykes was upon him like a cat, with chain in hand. Fighting was fast and furious outside the ring until Perez forced them back into the ring with threats of disqualification. Finally, the dreaded chain was strapped on and the Russian Chain Match had begun.

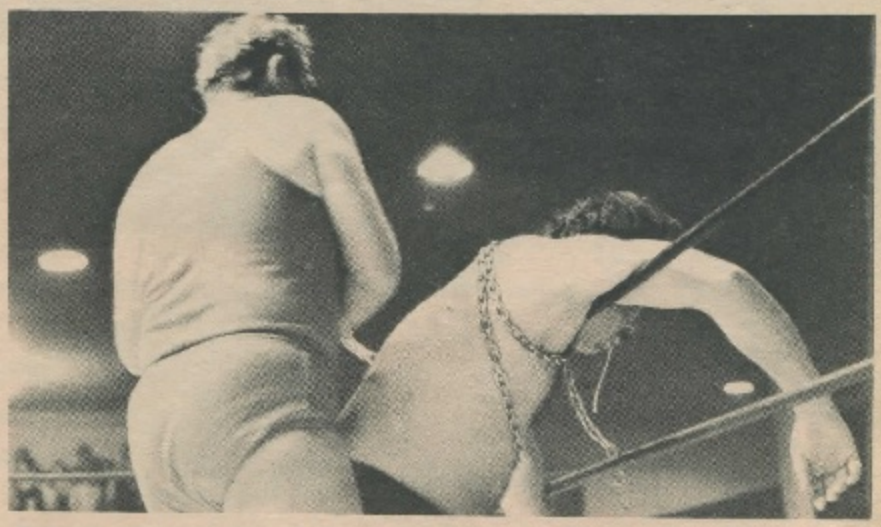
Robley, still unable to defend himself, could not ward off the vicious onslaught of J. C. Dykes. Slashing the chain across the open wound of Yellow Belly's head, Dykes felt he was now in a position to drag Robley around the ring and claim victory oncen and for all. Dykes quickly and easily dragged Robley to touch three of the turnbuckles. But on the fourth, knowing an embarrasing defeat was in sight, Robley gave it all he had and restrained Dykes. Dykes, with the taste of victory sweet in his mouth, turned once again on Robley and beat him mercilessly.



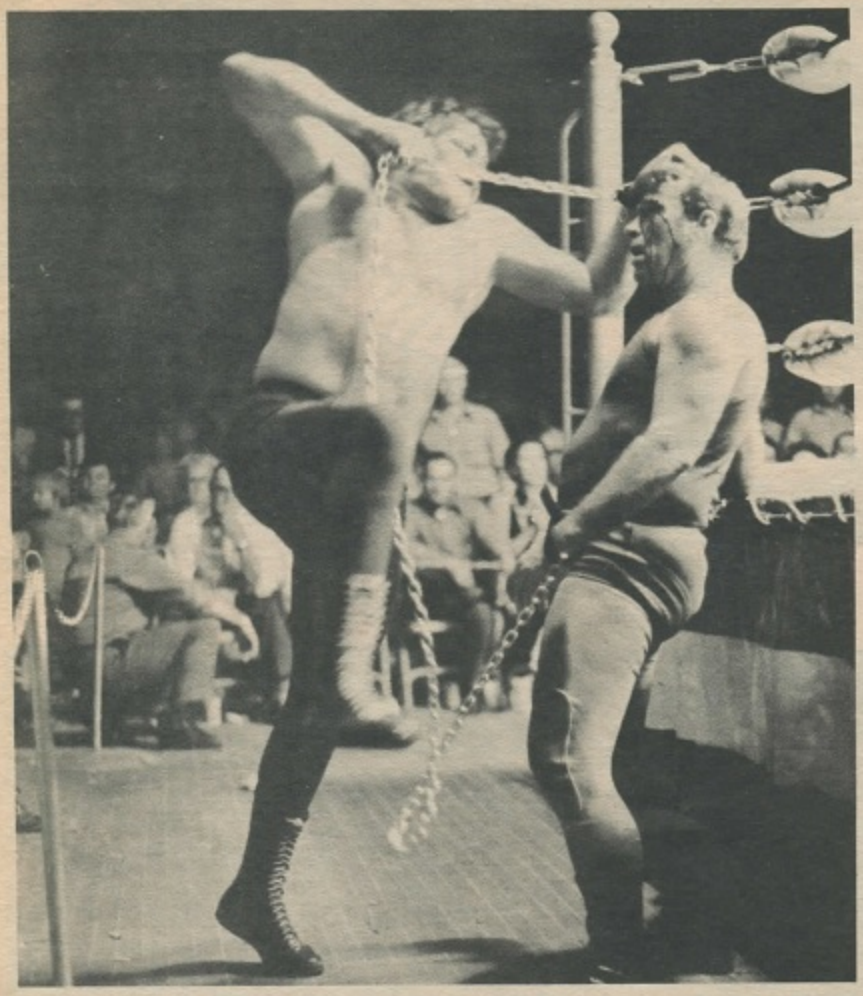
In most chain matches the two wrestlers are strapped together before the brawl starts, but in this one plenty of blood had been spilled even before the referee got the chains attached.



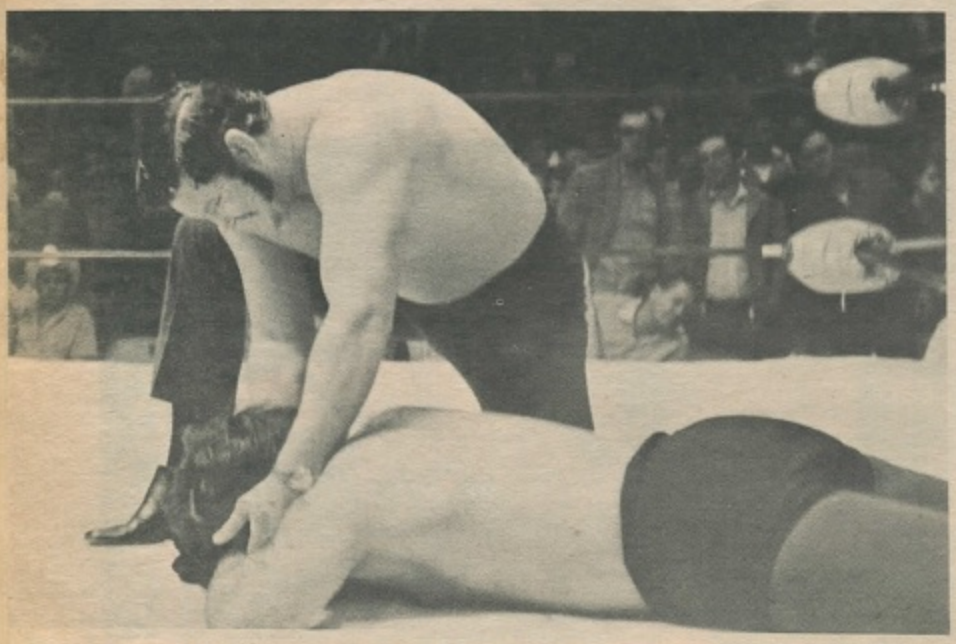
J.C. Dykes, the manager of The Infernos, is dragging the helpless Buck Robley around the ring. But he didn't manage to drag him far enough for the victory.



Dykes has Robley all tangled up in the chain and ropes. Both men have led their teams in many brutal tag team matches, but none was bloodier than this brutal one between the two managers.



The action continued out onto the floor of the arena. Here Robley uses the chain as a weapon to split open the head of J.C. Dykes.



Bobby Hart comes to the aid of his fallen manager. Robley may have won the match, but he was in the worst condition of anyone after Dykes and Inferno No. 1 got through with him.

Satisfied that this would be enough, Dykes once again began to make the circle. Ignoring the dead weight at the end of the chain, Dykes felt victory to be in his grasp. Little did he know, the tables were about to turn.

As Dykes neared the fourth turnbuckle, Robley managed to slip the chain from his wrist, sending Dykes sailing through the ropes. With this, the crowd went wild. Once again, Robley was on his feet, and in the realization of his circumstance, his adrenalin began to flow. The crowd was in total hysterics and every fan was on his feet as Robley slowly stalked the Red-headed Weasel, murder in his eyes. Robley pulled Dykes off the floor by the hair and using the chain in brass knuckles fashion, repeatedly opened gash after gash to the face of the Redhead. As Robley's mind began to clear, it became apparent to every fan that he was obviously the superior wrestler. Fearing disqualification by the 20-count rule, Robley hastily retreated to the square circle.

Struggling with all his might, Dykes slowly pulled himself back into the ring and collapsed in a bloody heap on the canvas. Robley, realizing his chance for victory, wrapped the chain around the neck of J. C. Dykes and proceeded to touch all four corners to win the match. Having won the match in this unorthodox fashion, and with the life nearly choked out of Dykes, Robley was beside himself with joy.

This elation was shortlived, however, as the number one Inferno entered the ring and attacked Robley from behind with a canteen. Once again Robley was down. While the Inferno stomped and kicked him, the crowd watched Dykes slowly regain his feet. The Inferno, picking up Robley, shoved him into the ropes and began choking him as Dykes reached into his trunks. The crowd watched in horror, as Dykes produced a ball of fire, hurling it into the face of Buck Robley.

Dykes and the Inferno made a hasty retreat into the safety of their dressing room as Bobby Hart leaped into the ring to aid the injured Robley. As Robley lay screaming and writhing in agony on the mat, Bobby Hart shook his head in dismay. The match was over.

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"LES MAGNIFIQUES!"

The Irrepressible Garvin Brothers

The Fabulous Terry Garvin.

By MISCHA GOSS

(Editor's Note: This story was supplied to WRESTLING MONTHLY by Mr. Terry Garvin and the author apparently reflects the views of the Garvins, in fact it may simply be written by the Garvins under a name whose meaning seems to reflect what the article contains.)

There are many bright stars in the wrestling firmament, but none can outshine the coruscating brilliance, the dazzling daring, and the mercurial magic of The Garvin Brothers, Terry the wrestler and James the manager.

Both these men are greatly sought after for personal appearances in and out of the wrestling arena. They are possessed of effervescent personalities; they are both handsome, gregarious, gracious and are excellent public speakers. They cut a beautiful figure dressed in their "mod" clothes and either of them could well be described as a paragon of sartorial pulchritude.

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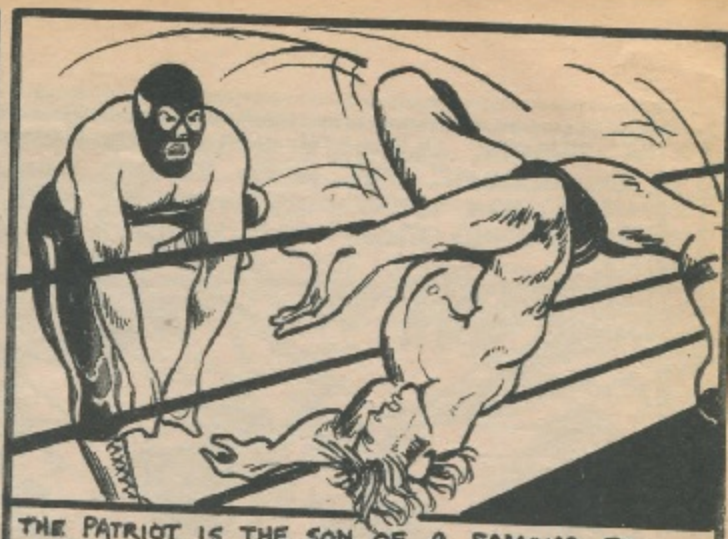
THE PATRIOT IS THE SON OF A FAMOUS PRO WRESTLER WHO DIED AS A RESULT OF BEING ILLEGALY THROWN OVER THE TOP ROPE BY "DOCTOR DEVIL."

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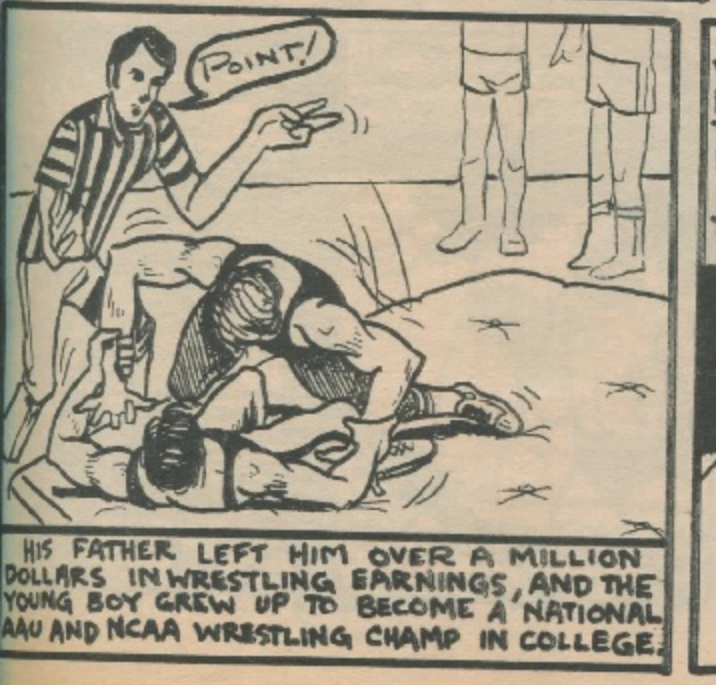
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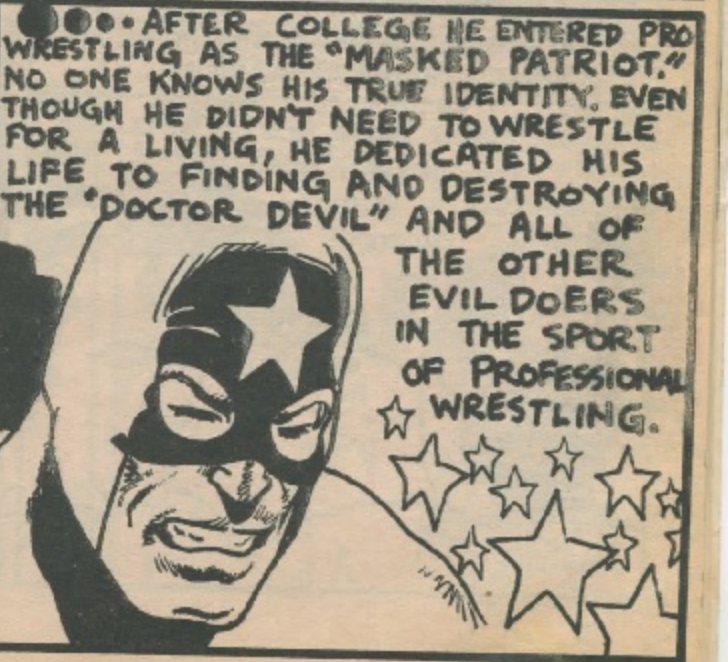
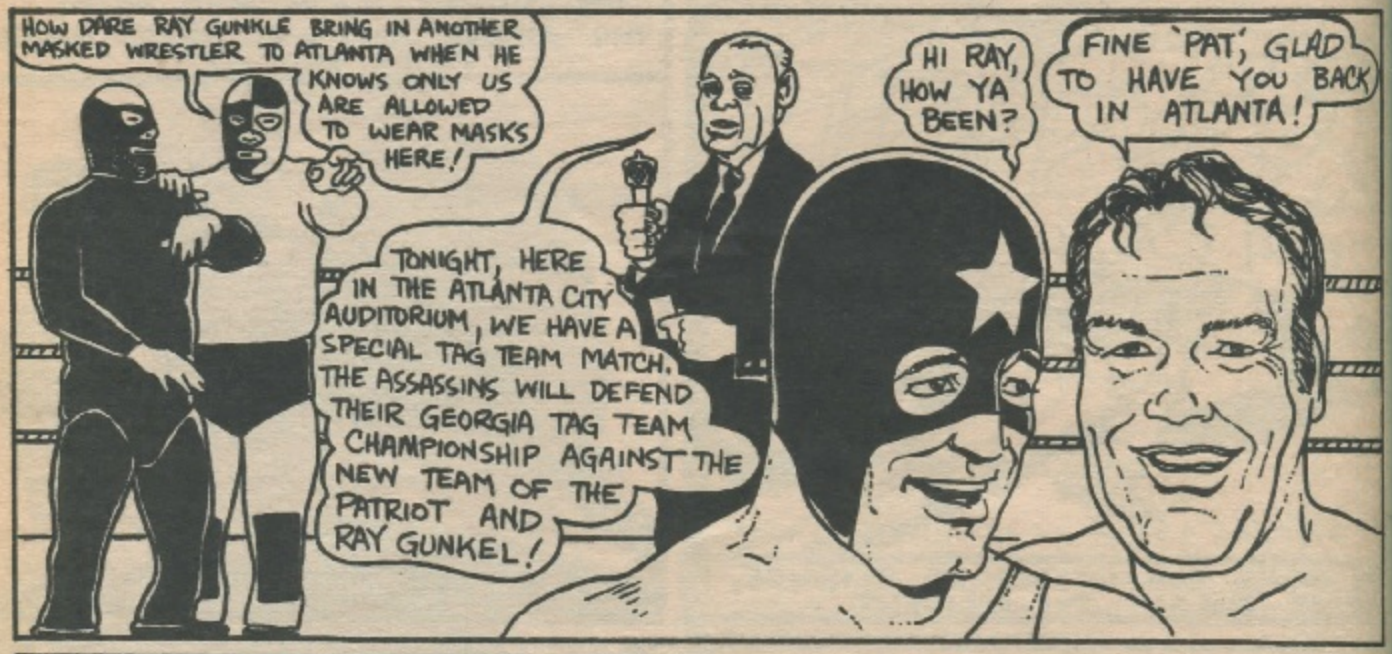
HIS FATHER LEFT HIM OVER A MILLION DOLLARS IN WRESTLING EARNINGS, AND THE YOUNG BOY GREW UP TO BECOME A NATIONAL AAU AND NCAA WRESTLING CHAMP IN COLLEGE.


AFTER COLLEGE HE ENTERED PRO WRESTLING AS THE "MASKED PATRIOT." NO ONE KNOWS HIS TRUE IDENTITY. EVEN THOUGH HE DIDN'T NEED TO WRESTLE FOR A LIVING, HE DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO FINDING AND DESTROYING THE "DOCTOR DEVIL" AND ALL OF THE OTHER EVIL DOERS IN THE SPORT OF PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING.

★THE 'PATRIOT'S ULTIMATE GOAL IS TO REMOVE ALL EVIL FROM PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING. HE HAS BECOME THE HERO BEHIND WHO ALL TRUE WRESTLING FANS RALLY. THE COMMON MAN IDENTIFIES WITH THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE MASKED MAN IN HIS NEVER ENDING FIGHT FOR TRUTH AND JUSTICE IN THE PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING RING....



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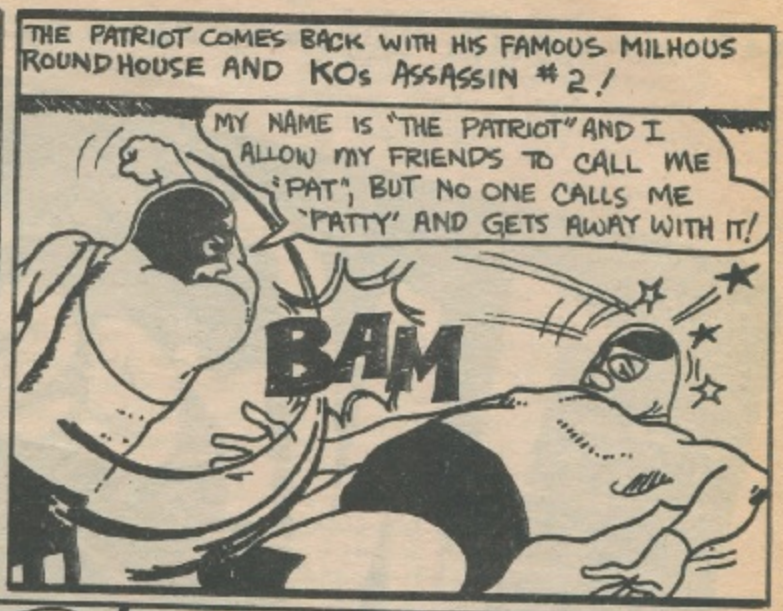
THE PATRIOT COMES BACK WITH HIS FAMOUS MILHOUS ROUNDHOUSE AND KOs ASSASSIN #2!
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BAM

THE PATRIOT THEN PICKS UP ASSASSIN #2 IN A HANGMAN'S HOLD!!
AAAUUGGGHH
BUT AS THE PATRIOT APPLIES "PHASE TWO" OF HIS PRESIDENTIAL COMBO, ASSASSIN #1 RUSHES IN!!
I COULD BEAT THIS MAN WITH EITHER MY "MILHOUS ROUNDHOUSE," OR MY "AGNOOSE HANGMAN'S HOLD" BUT WHEN SOMEONE HAS THE AUDACITY TO CALL ME "PATTY" THEY ARE GOING TO GET A DOUBLE DOSE, FULL PRESIDENTIAL ONE-TWO COMBO!

BUT BEFORE THE ASSASSIN #1 CAN SAVE HIS PARTNER HE IS CAUGHT FROM BEHIND BY RAY GUNKEL.....

THANKS PAT, FOR TEACHING ME THE GOOD OLD "UNCLE SLAM!"
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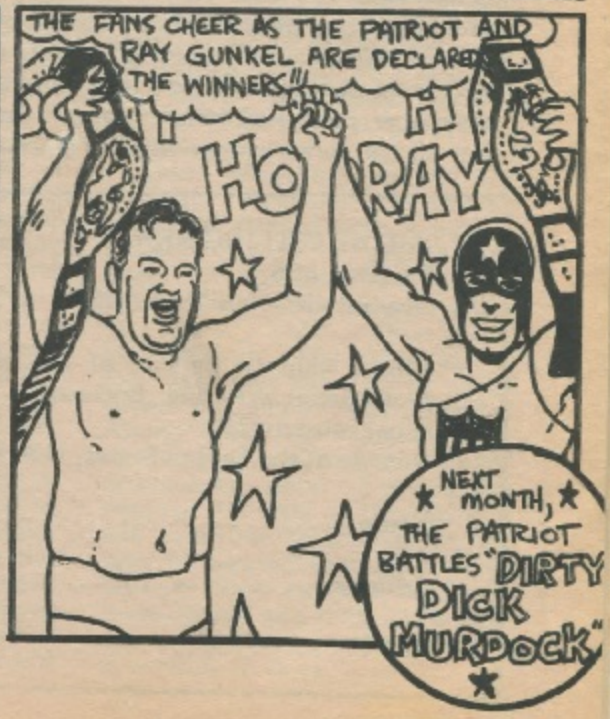
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THE PROMOTER'S CORNER
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televised studio matches would bring out the crowds to the regular weekly programs. I signed a contract to televise studio matches with WGR-TV on Channel 2 and secured a sponsor, O'Keefe Brewery Co. Ltd., of Canada.

At this point I brought in Gene Kiniski for a series of TV matches. His opponent in his first match was Karl Karlson, the big Swedish 280-pounder. Kiniski must have thought he was in the movies because he went to work on the gigantic Karlson with a dynamic attack and threw him into the laps of the ringsiders, to become an overnight sensation.

I signed Kiniski to oppose Baron Gattoni for my regular Friday night show. Kiniski was a demon that night as he threw Gattoni from pillar to post and came up with a sensational victory over the Baron. Then I brought in Whipper Billy Watson to oppose Kiniski. In a series of ten matches Watson and Kiniski drew 110,000 people into War Memorial Auditorium and those matches proved to be a bonanza for me.

It now became a problem of how to follow up those sensational matches between Watson and Kiniski. After considerable thought and effort, I then promoted a World Wrestlethon in 1960 and it was an event that drew world-wide attention.

For the Wrestlethon Tournament I booked wrestlers from 18 different countries. Preliminary, semi-final and final matches were presented during the course of two weeks. The winner of the tournament was to secure a championship match with Pat O'Connor, who was World Champion of the National Wrestling Alliance at the time.

Such top stars as The Sheik, Billy (Red) Lyons, Hercules Cortez, Karl Von Goering, Frank Valois, Fritz and Waldo Von Erich, Don Leo Jonathon, Kenji Shibuya, Duke Keomuka, Cowboy Bob Ellis, the Gallagher brothers, Ilio Di Paolo and Hans Herrman were among the participants in the World Wrestlethon. The preliminary matches the first week drew 10,500 fans.

The second week of matches, which were to be the semi-final and final matches of the tournament, almost became the Ides of March for me. A snow storm caused thousands of cancellations of tickets by out-of-town fans who were unable to get to the matches. In spite of that, more than 10,000 fans braved the elements to take in the closing matches of the tournament.

Kenji Shibuya, the Japanese judo and karate expert, reached the championship match against World Champion Pat O'Connor. Shibuya saw the opportunity of becoming world champion and it must be said that he gave O'Connor stiff opposition for the first ten minutes of that great match. Shibuya's wicked karate blows decked O'Connor several times and the champion brought all of his cunning to the light in an effort to ward off defeat. Shibuya crowded O'Connor into the ring corners and dished out terrific karate chops to the head and neck of the champion.

At the 15:18 mark Shibuya cornered O'Connor once more, but instead of dishing out karate chops he clamped on a hold around the neck. Referee Joe Muscato warned Shibuya to break the hold and started to count. When the Jap refused to release the hold Muscato disqualified him, declaring the hold to be a "choke."

O'Connor sank to the canvas in an unconsicous state, but he retained his belt. Shibuya had lost a great opportunity to become the world champion in a rousing match that wound up the World Wrestlethon with the greatest series of matches Buffalo fans had ever seen.

Perhaps my greatest achievement in Buffalo was in 1962 when I was approached by the City's Police Benevolent Association to put on a wrestling show for the benefit of that organization. Let me say that I went all out. I finally came up with a double feature which saw Killer Kowalski opposing Bobo Brazil and Edouard Carpentier going against Fritz von Erich. The show drew close to 25,000 fans to War Memorial Stadium and was tops for any wrestling attraction ever held in Buffalo.

In recent years wrestling has had its ups and downs. It became a difficult matter to run shows every week becuase many of the top performers were on world tours and were appearing in Australia, Howaii and Japan. Something had to be done to revitalize the sport so that the big names in wrestling would return to the U.S.

During the past year a new faction in wrestling was organized and is now known as the National Wrestling Federation, with Wallace H. Dunk as President. As a promoter for that faction I once more went to work to corral one of the finest groups of wrestlers it was possible to obtain. During the summer I was running shows almost every week in Buffalo, Rochester, Utica, Albany and in Akron and Cleveland, Ohio.

I started to book such stars as Johnny Powers, Waldo Von Erich, Cursher Verdu, Bulldog Dick Brower, Chief White Owl, Luis Martinez, Hartford and Reggie Love, Mitzu Arakawa and Yoshino Sato, Bepo and Geeto Mongol, Domenic DeNucci, Erik The Red, Bill (Lil Abner) Osborne, Abdullah The Butcher, Pete Sanchez, Tony Parisi, Bull Johnson, Mad-dog George Momberg, The Executioner, Dr. X, The Mysterian, and Bruce Swayze, who wrestles and is manager of Crusher Verdu.

This group of wrestlers has been putting on some great matches. They are giving their best efforts and are going all out in bouts that can be termed mat epics. With the opportunity to wrestle four and five nights a week, they have welcomed the idea to add to their often deflated wallets. They are a happy group of performers and it has turned out to be a bonanza for them and myself as the crowds continue to get better with each show.

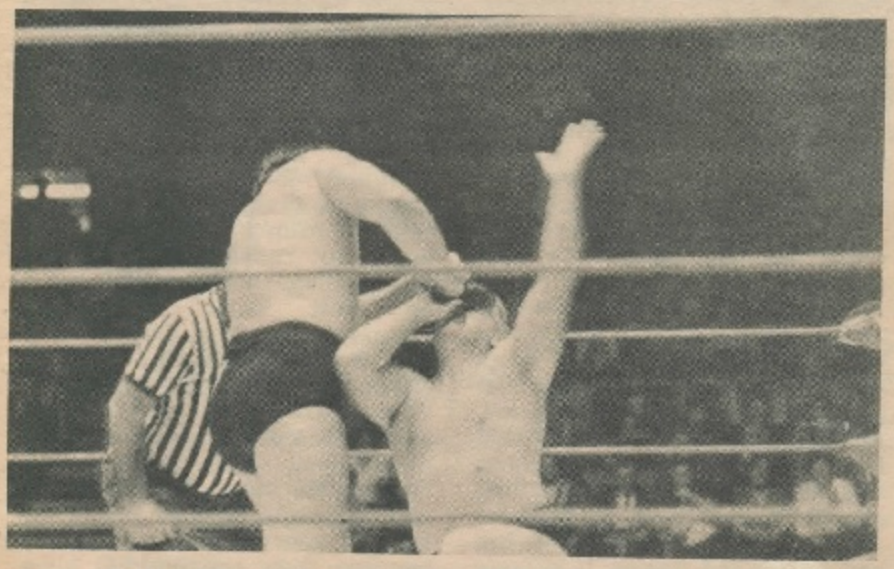
That wrestling under the National Wrestling Federation has been revived with a mighty impact cannot be denied. We hope to continue to provide outstanding shows in the states of New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania. The response of the wrestling fans in all three states has been heart-warming. Along with the stars named above, I will bring in talented newcomers, some of whom will become the stars of tomorrow. I will continue to give them the kind of matches they want to see because their support has been magnificient and they know they are seeing the best attractions it is possible to book.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN BAD GUYS TURN GOOD

THE STRANGE REFORMATION OF THE MONGOLS

By LARRY PILARSKI

Left: Sammartino after rare scientific match.
Right: Bruno Sammartino and Beppo Mongol in a test of strength.



Mulligan applies his punishing claw hold to Geeto Mongol.

It might have been any one of three matches that attracted some 9,000 Pittsburgh fans to the Civic Arena.

First off, Terrible Ted, the "Wrestling Bear," made his first Pittsburgh appearance a memorable one by doing away with The Beast. After taking a long beating, the Beast quickly retired to the dressing room, not to be heard from again for the rest of the evening.

The next match was the one that the fans were waiting for — the main event — Bruno Sammartino vs. Bulldog Brower. Brower was one of the six stepping stones to Bruno's shot at the WWWF crown. However, he failed to show for the match. (This was the second time that a wrestler did not appear for a main event bout in the Arena, the first time being when Baron Scicluna could not make it into Pittsburgh for his match with Bruno, then champion, due to a severe snowstorm.) But all was not lost, for Beppo, one half of the famed Mongols, signed to go against the former champ. The crowd unbelievingly sat back in their seats as both men fought strictly by the book for over eight minutes, the match ending with Sammartino raising his hand in victory after pinning the giant Mongol to the roaring approval of the crowd. The applause heightened when the two men in the ring shook hands before leaving, a sight not often seen.

And now it was Geeto Mongol's turn to meet Blackjack Mulligan. What a grudge match this was going to be! Ever since Geeto admitted on a televised exhibition that Bruno Sammartino was a better man than himself, Mulligan vowed

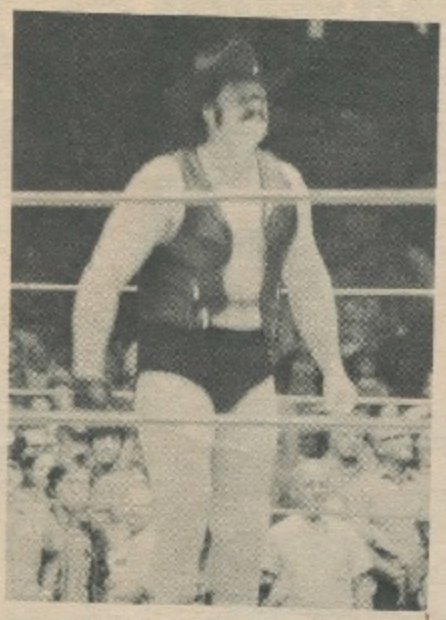
Black Jack waits for the match to begin.

that if he ever faced the Mongol in the ring he would do everything short of murder to right the wrong Geeto had committed. He found Geeto's admission wrong, disgusting, and nothing a true villian would ever do in his wrestling career.

Needless to say, the fans got what they expected. Mulligan, caring nothing about the rules, went after the Mongol, applying his punishing claw to Geeto's face and practically mopping up thering with him. But Geeto was not to be denied his own moment of glory. Seeing that Mulligan was weakening from all his efforts, the Mongol went after his opponent using the same tactics that had been forced on him. But with every move he made he was stopped by the referee and Mulligan would come back to dole out more punishment. Again Geeto fought and again he was held back by the ref, while Mulligan threw his forearm into the face of Geeto.

Completely fed up by this time, Geeto slammed the body of the referee twice before punching him in the face and tossing him from the ring. The crowd let out with a roar that was undoubtedly heard in the heart of downtown Pittsburgh. Of course, Mulligan was declared the winner, but you would have never known it by the ovation that Geeto received. He walked from the ring amidst thunderous applause. Be assured, however, that his fans stopped cheering the next day when it was learned that the Mongol was suspended from wrestling in the Pittsburgh area.

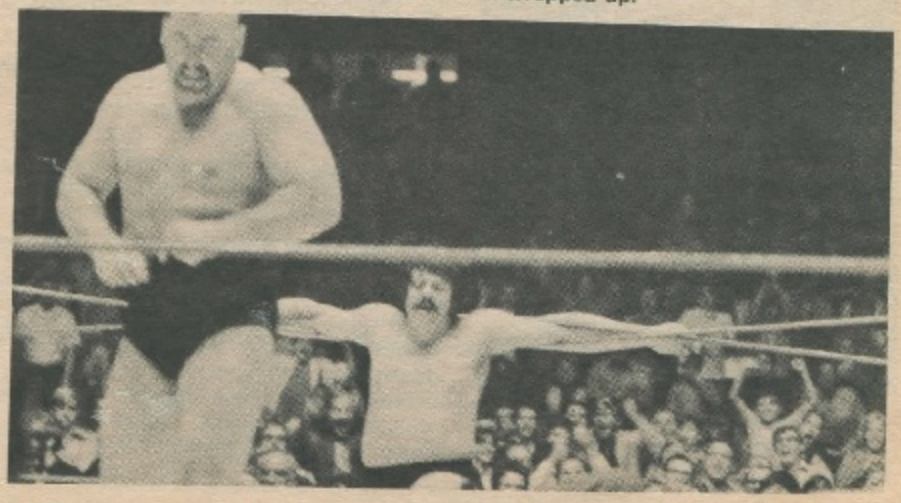
The evening left us certain of two things — the wrestling world is faced with a new feud, and one more bad guy had turned good.



Black Jack Mulligan is one of the most feared wrestlers in the world today.

Brower calling for Sammartino the month before, and then does not show.

Above: One of the few times Mulligan was stopped by referee.
Below: Geeto has Black Jack all wrapped up.



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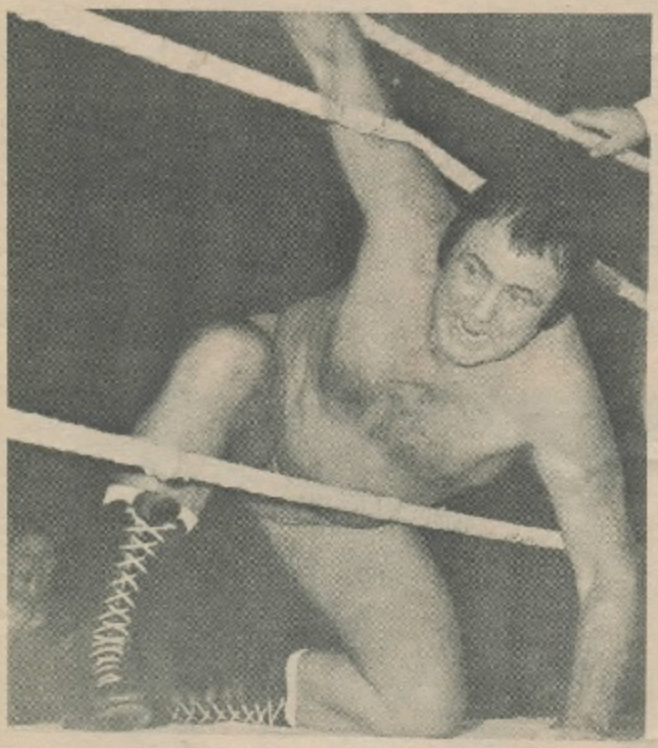
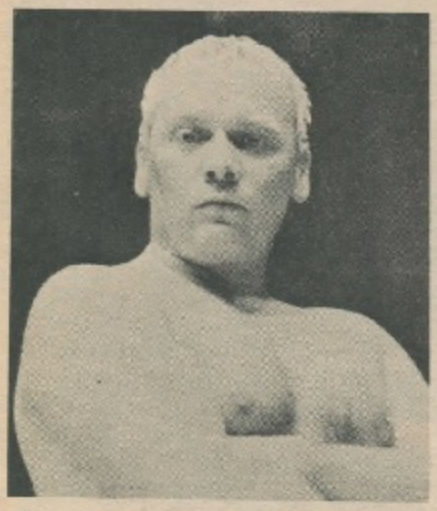


Mick McManus is struggling to get back after being thrown out of the ring.

Tony Charles, the Welsh Light-Heavyweight (198 lb.) Champion.



Steve Haggetty, top Heavyweight from Canada who now makes his home in Manchester.

Steve Haggetty, the blond bad-man heavyweight now residing in Manchester, faced up to the American Ricki Starr on TV. The American, ever the showman, tripped lightly across the ring on the introduction in the first round. Haggetty just turned his back on him and refused to shake hands. Max Ward, the referee, got blazing mad at Starr for his time-wasting, and got ever madder when Starr pinched him on his sitdown piece.

Rickie had the crowd in fits of laughter at his pinching of his opponent and the referee, which earned him his first public warning in double quick time. Even Kent Walton, the TV commentator, got himself pinched when Starr left the ring to make it clear to Walton jsust what all the fuss was over. Haggetty got a backbreaker submission over Starr, but the American went on to win by an airplane spin, bodyslam and KO.

The up-and-coming young middleweight, Bobby Baron, did well in a match with Mick McManus. There was bristling action for four rounds with McManus getting his full share of punishment from young Bobby Baron, before a shoulder charge hit Baron clear through the ropes to be counted out.

At Cardiff, promoter Paul Lincoln scored a winner when he matched Jackie Pallo and son against the iron men of the ring,

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Terry reads a copy of Wrestling Revue while in a hospital recuperating from some ring injuries recently.

Terry is a living example of the fact that professional wrestling is a rough and brutal sport in which the grapplers really do get hurt.

Terry was in Baptist Hospital in Jackson, Mississippi, several days after a run-in with Cowboy Bill Watts.

James Garvin is a manager who likes to get into the action himself. Promoter Sam Menacker solved that problem by handcuffing Jim to himself.

THE IRREPRESSIBLE GARVINS
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Terry Garvin — or Mister Terry Garvin as he prefers to be called — is without a doubt Canada's greatest wrestler. He has a tremendous background as an amateur, and is now among the top ten professional wrestlers in the world. He has everything it takes to be a top ranked star: Strenght, ability, endurance and terrific intestinal fortitude. And he has that indefinable something called "color" which makes him a great drawing card at the box-office. He has one more ingredient which assures him of star status, his brother and manager, James Garvin.

Why is this so? James is younger than Terry and has probably never been a wrestler. But James has all the necessary "know-how" to make him a great manager. He is a keen student of the mat game, and sutdies the moves, tactics and strategy of all wrestlers, as they are all would-be opponents of Terry. And when Terry is in the ring, James sits at ringside and constantly communicates with his brother. Call it extra-sensory perception, mental telepathy, or what you will, the fact remains there is some esoteric manner in which James directs his brother. And besides this sometimes unseen and no doubt mystical communication, the fact that James is at ringside gives Terry agreat deal of inspiration and it seems also to impart courage and determination to him, strengthens his inexorable drive to victory.

Most important is that Terry's adversaries are always upset at seeing James at ringside. They are disconcerted and sometimes completely disorientated just knowing James is there.

Terry Garvin stomps on Tom Jones and James Garvin watches from ringside.

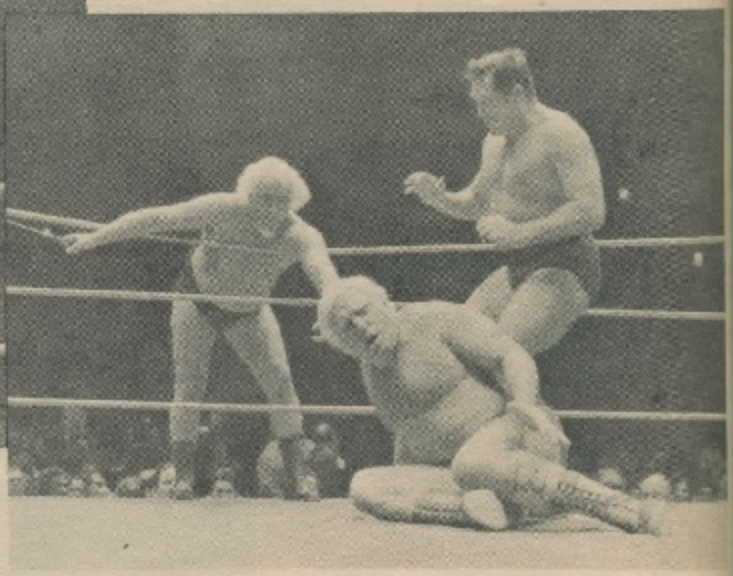
Recently, Dr. Frank Ackermen, Professor of Psychology at Vienna's Miedinger Institute, expalined it this way. "It reminds me of an airline pilot. Here is a man who has thousands of hours and is skilled to the utmost degree. Every six months this Captain must be given a check flight. Just knowing there is a company inspector beside him makes the Captain nervous and sometimes he does not do as well as if he would do if he were alone. The same is true when a skilled wrestler is competing against Herr Terry Garvin. Perhaps the wrestler might defeat him, but when James is there, that wrestler gets so nervous and frustrated, he finds himself easy prey for Terry. Yes, James Garvin is a force to be reckoned with!"

James Garvin is somewhat of an enigma. He is young, handsome, debonair and dashing. He is an avid student of psychology, hypnotherapy and languages. He speaks four languages fluently.

An astute businessman, he is extremely shrewd in his dealings with wrestling promoters throughout the nation. He demands and gets very high fees for his brother.

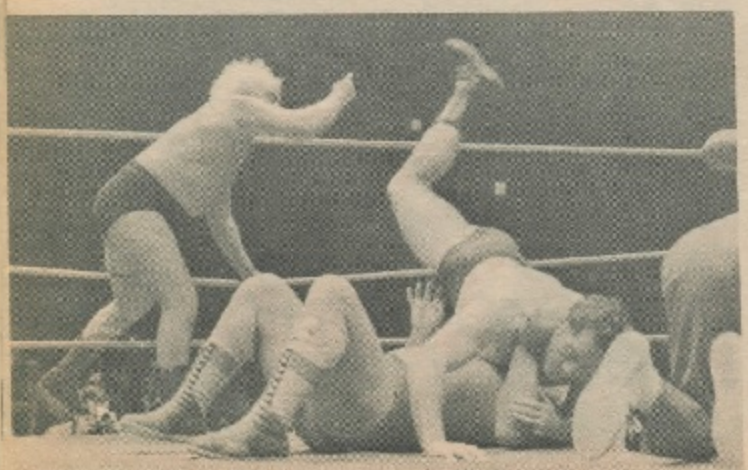
While it is true the Garvin Brothers may not be too popular with the mat fans because of their rough tactics; those same fans cause somewhat of a pyschological paradox, because they flock to the arenas in droves to see the Garvin Brothers in action.

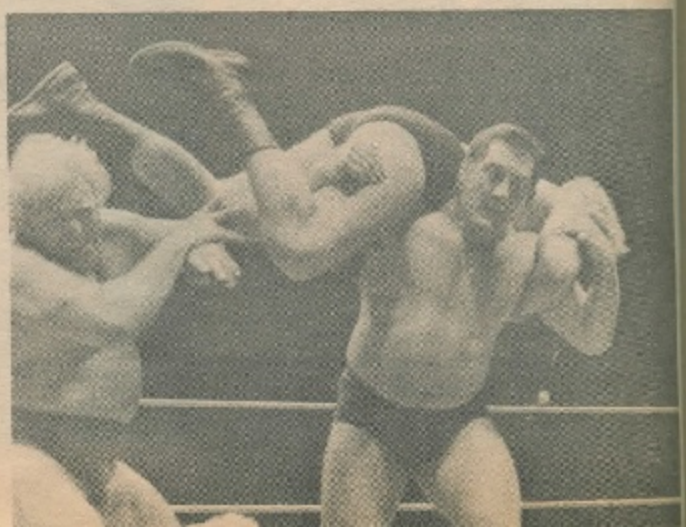
Terry Garvin has teamed up with several different partners in recent months. Above he is the partner of Professor Boris "The Great" Maxemillianovitch Malenko, and below The Great Mephisto acts as his partner.



Above: Rene and Karl discuss pre bout stretegy.
Right: Luke strains to tag Tyler as Gotch deals out the punishment.

Early in the match Karl Gotch took charge. He punished Tyler unmercifully and had many near pin falls, but Graham would always run into the ring and interfere just before the three count could be finished. Finally, Gotch put his own partner, Goulet, in an airplane spin and used Goulet's feet to knock down both Tyler and Graham.

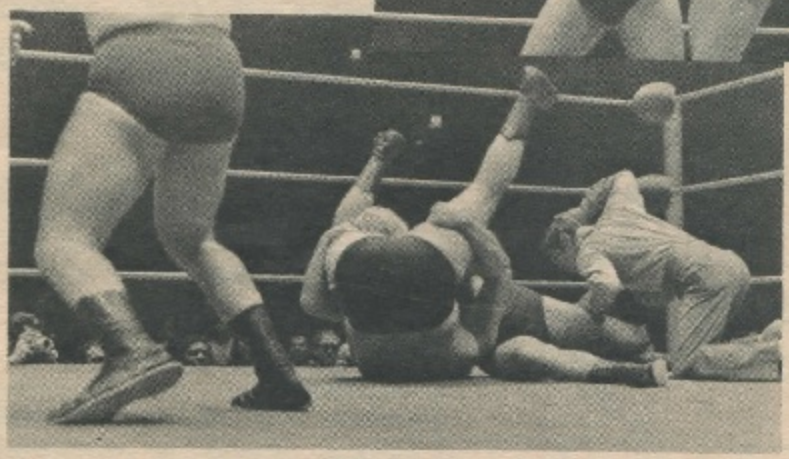




KARL GOTCH + RENE GOULET

CAPTURE TAG TEAM TITLE -

By GEORGE NAPOLITANO



Tyler and Graham ganged up on Rene Goulet at one point during the match, but Goulet and Gotch beat the blonds with a dose of their own medicine.

Many teams had tried to take away the tag team title from Tarzan Tyler and Luke Graham but all of them had failed. However, one night in Madison Square Garden, Karl Gotch and Rene Goulet combined forces and defeated the deadly duo in two straight falls. Prior to match, Lou Albano, the manager of the former champs, stated, "My men will defeat those no good, talentless bums with no trouble whatsoever. I am so confident that my men will emerge victorious that I have signed a contract with a no-return clause. In this way my champions will not ever have to be bothered facing those sissies again." Little did Albano realize that the no-return clause would turn out to be a disadvantage to his team in trying to regain their title.

Karl Gotch and Rene Goulet trained together vigorously for

The night ended with the W.W.W.F. World's Tag Team Championship belts around the waists of Rene Goulet and Karl Gotch as announcer Bob Freed raised their hands in victory.

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their upcoming match. They wanted to make sure that they were in their best possible physical condition when they faced this vicious team.

On the night of the match, Rene Goulet and Karl Gotch seemed extremely confident. Gotch remarked: "We have been training together for some time now and we have come to the point where we are able to anticipate each other's moves. We will get even with them tonight for all the remarks which were said about us."

As soon as Gotch and Goulet emerged into view the crowd went wild with excitement. The sight of the blond, blue-eyed Goulet and Gotch, "The Man of a Thousand Holds," sent the crowd into a frenzy. This excitement died down for a while as Tyler and Graham, accompanied by Albano, made their way toward the ring.

As soon as this trio stepped into the ring, Gotch and Goulet were ready for action and the crowd once again came to life. After Albano was escorted from the ring, the hectic battle began.

Karl Gotch opened for his team and he dazzled both Graham and Tyler with his fantastic display of wrestling. For every hold applied to him Gotch used a counterhold. He so confused Tyler and Graham that neither one would go into the ring against him.

Gotch then took measures into his own hands as he flung Graham over the top rope and into the ring. A quick tag off to Goulet brought the Frenchman into the ring and he quickly went to work on Graham, pounding him with vicious forearm smaches. Once again another quick tag brought Gotch into the ring. A head butt, a forearm smash and a beautifully executed mule kick sent Graham reeling to the mat. Graham crawled to his corner and tagged off to Tyler.

Tyler received the same treatment first from Gotch then from Goulet and once again from Gotch. The fans were up on their feet as the team of Gotch and Goulet completely controlled the first fall with their fast tag-offs and excellent style of wrestling. Gotch seeing an opening came in close to Tyler, bounced off the ropes and quickly applied a reverse jack-knife for the pin.

Graham and Tyler seemed stunned by this pin. Gotch and Goulet were eager to start the second fall, as they wanted to keep their momentum going. Gotch came out first against Tyler. As Tyler and Gotch squared off in the center of the ring, "Crazy" Luke tried to sneak into the ring. Goulet, seeing this, quickly ran across the outside of the ring preventing Graham from interfering.

Soon bedlam broke loose as all four wrestlers found themselves in the ring at the same time. Gotch cornered Graham and both men started slugging away.

Gotch knocked Tyler down and then ran over to help Goulet. However, in doing so he stunned everyone in the arena as he picked up Goulet and applied an airplane spin, knocking him first into Graham and then into Tyler.

As both men lay on the floor, Gotch hurled Goulet onto the fallen Graham, and ran over towards Tyler to prefent him from interfering. Referee Danny Bartfield counted to three and Gotch and Goulet were declared the new champions.

The fans went wild as the tag team belts were brought into the ring. Gotch and Goulet, also wild with excitement, congratulated each other warmly as the belts were presented to them.

After their victory a jubilant Goulet stated, "We wanted to win this title very badly. We knew that if we were going to defeat them we would have to work extremely close to our corner using quick tag-offs and also some of their own rough tactics. We only hope that we will be able to make our fans proud of us."

Since attaining the title Gotch and Goulet have defended their belts against all of the top talent on the East Coast. With their combined knowledge of wrestling and their close-knit teamwork inside the ring, Karl Gotch and Rene Goulet should be able to hold the title for a long time to come.

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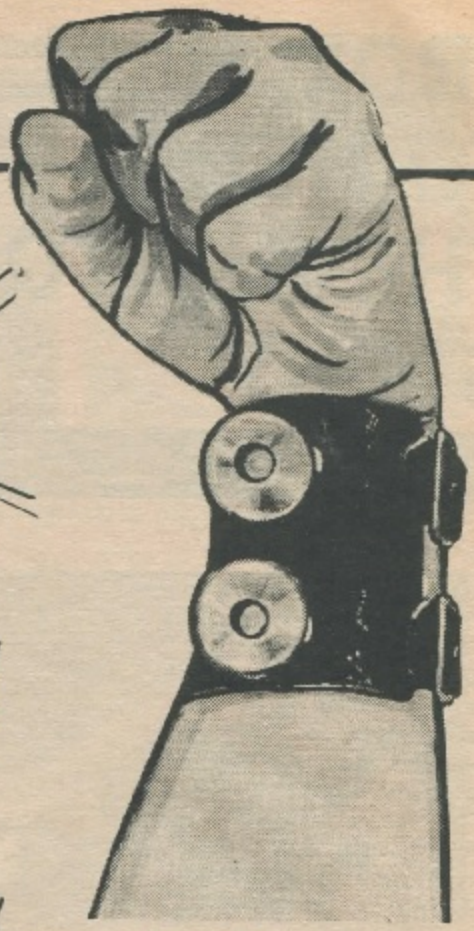

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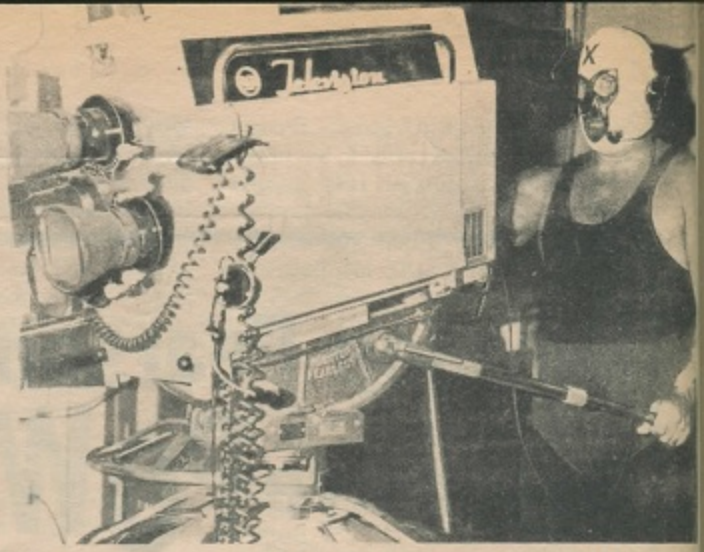


Here the good Doctor fills in as a cameraman at WTCN where the nationally syndicated A.W.A. All Star Wrestling television show is produced.

By JAMES C. MELBY

Doctor X first arrived on the Midwest wrestling scene in August of 1967. He was first seen as a mysterious masked man sitting in the audience claiming that he was a wrestler and wanted a chance to prove it. Finally in a match seen on the A.W.A. All Star T.V. Network, Doctor X interfered in a match between the A.W.A. World Champion, Verne Gagne, and Jack Pesek. As a result of his actions he was soon signed to some matches and proved to be one of the greatest wrestlers of all time.

Doctor X explained in his first television interview that he was a world famous wrestler with a good professional and amateur record, and had resorted to wearing a mask because people would not step in the ring with him if they knew his real identity. Doctor X pointed out another advantage of wearing a mask – that opponents tend to concentrate on his mask and forget to wrestle a good defensive match.

Doctor X faced and beat virtually the Who's Who of wrestling. Among the men he defeated were The Crusher, Al Kashey, Rene Goulet, Igor Vodik, Cowboy Bill Watts, Big Luke Brown, Hard-Boiled Haggerty, Dutch Davage, Wilbur Snyder, Dick the Bruiser, Verne Gagne, Billy Red Lyons, Pampero Firpo, Pat O'Connor, Jack Pesek, Man Mountain Mike, Ed Carpentier, Big Bill Miller, and Ramon Torres.

Doctor "X" is the most successful masked man in A.W.A. wrestling history. Once he was also the most hated, but now the fans love him.

In September of 1970, Doctor X left and not a word was hear of him. Other wrestlers in other parts of the country put on masks and called themselves Doctor X and one even did so well that he is now the N.W.A. World's Junior Heavyweight Champion, but the original Doctor X was nowhere to be found.

In September of 1971, the original Doctor X returned to the Midwest. A series of matches with California blond bomber, Ray Stevens, found him wrestling much more scientifically and being cheered for the first time.

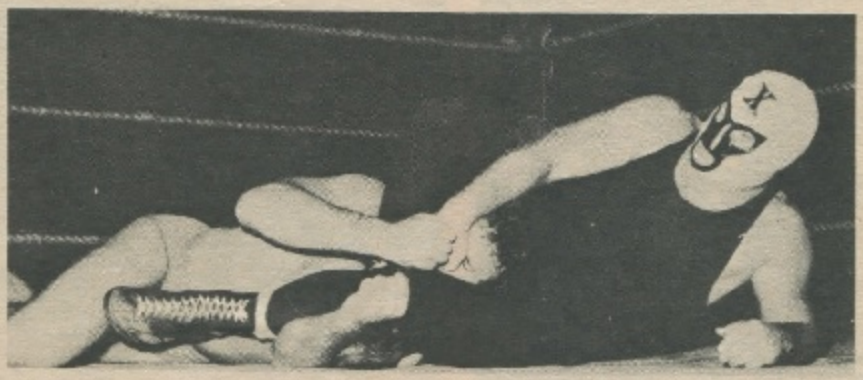
In an interview seen on the A.W.A. Television Network, Doctor X explained his change in attitude and style. He went on to explain that his little son had been beaten up by three school bullies while valiantly defending his father's honor and identity. The good Doctor further explained that if his son thought that much of him, that he was going to do his best to live up to his little boy's expectations.

However, the real turning point came in a tag team match seen on T.V. in which Doc was teamed with Pretty Boy Larry Hennig against Bill Howard & George "Iron Man" Gadaski. As the match progressed, it became

apparent to the fans that X and Hennig were not clicking smoothly as a tag team. Hennig was relying on his usual rough-house tactics while X was content to wrestle scientifically. In what has to be considered an upset Hennig was pinned by Howard for the first fall. In between falls, Hennig and Luscious Lars Anderson, Pretty Boy's usual tag team partner, argued with X that he should have come to Larry's rescue when he saw that he was in trouble. It appeared to the fans that Hennig used a foreign object in his knee to KO one of his smaller opponents and win the second fall. Doctor X jumped into the ring and explained to the referee what had happened. The official immediately disqualified Hennig and gave the second fall and the match to Howard and Gadaski. All hell broke loose as Hennig and Anderson viciously attacke the unsuspecting masked man from behind. In a matter of moments, Doctor X's famous yellow mask was covered with blood. The rest of the wrestlers on the card finally separated the wild brawlers.

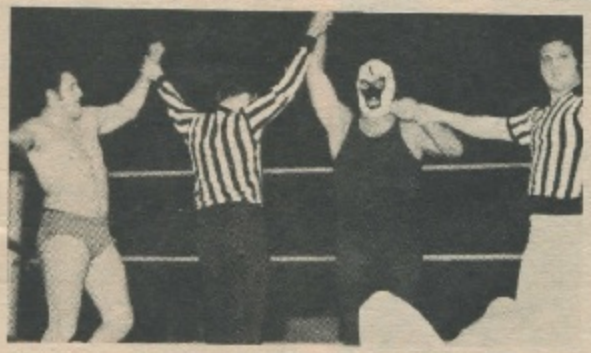
Doctor X has vowed revenge and claims that Hennig and Anderson will lose a gallon of blood for each drop of his that they spilled. Doctor X in his quest for revenge has agreed to face Hennig and Anderson anywhere, anytime, and under any rules. They have already had a series of matches with Doctor X, often enlisting the aid of people like Dick the Bruiser, and Billy Robinson so that he can face them both at the same time. Only time will tell wehther or not this feud will surpass the violence and length of the infamous McCoy-Hatfield feud. One thing the fans can be assured of is that when they see Doctor X, they are seeing one of the greatest matmen of all time whether he prefers to wrestle scientifically, or brawl it out with the best of them.

Left: Doctor "X" has a headlock on Edouard Carpentier back in the days when he was a hated villain. Right: And here he tries for a pin fall against Red Bastien.



Paul Diamond is the victim of this Doctor "X" headscissors in Winnipeg.

When Doctor returned to the ring he engaged in several battles with the hated Larry "Pretty Boy" Hennig that made him one of the fans favorites.



Last year it would have been hard to imagine, but Doctor "X" and Billy Robinson have teamed up for several tag victories recently. "X" has proved that he can wrestle with great scientific skill as well as brawl.

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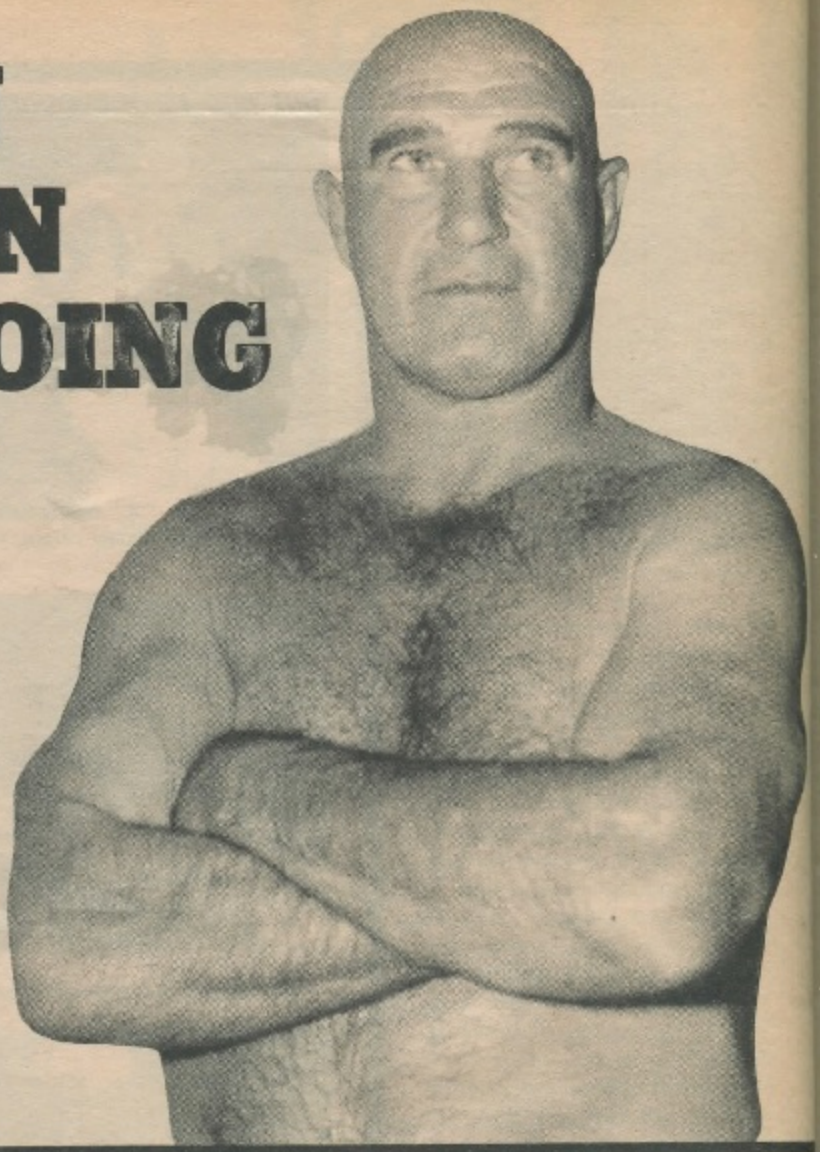
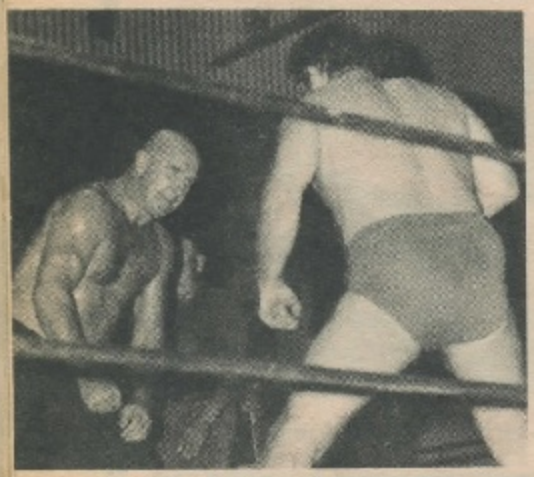
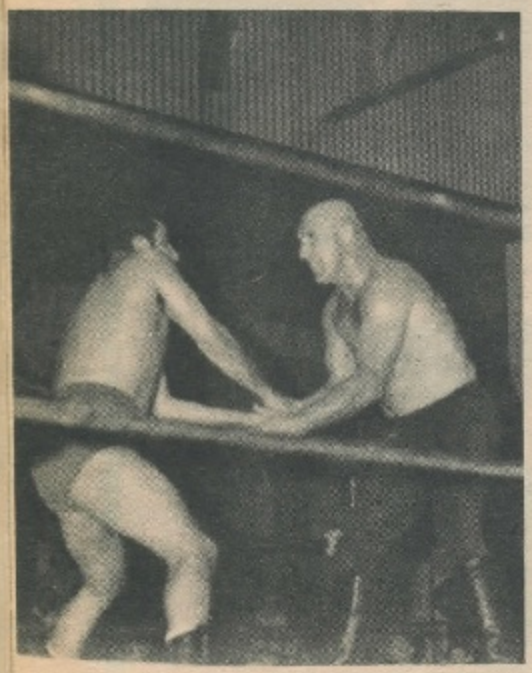




Hans Schmidt and Dewey Robertson stalk each other at the beginning of their match.



In a test of strength, Hans puts great pressure on Dewey and eventually brings Robertson to his knees.

By G.R. ANTHONY

The bitter German wrestler who came to the United States in the 1950s and hated America because of the loss of the Second World War, has several examples in our sport — Karl von Hess, Hans Hermman, Fritz von Erich, Waldo von Erich and Baron von Raschke are prime examples, but the grand-daddy of all the hated Germans was, and still is, Hans Schmidt.

That was proved to me again when I recently covered the matches in St. Louis, Missouri, and saw the veteran in action. Twenty years wrestling across North America hasn't changed Hans Schmidt.

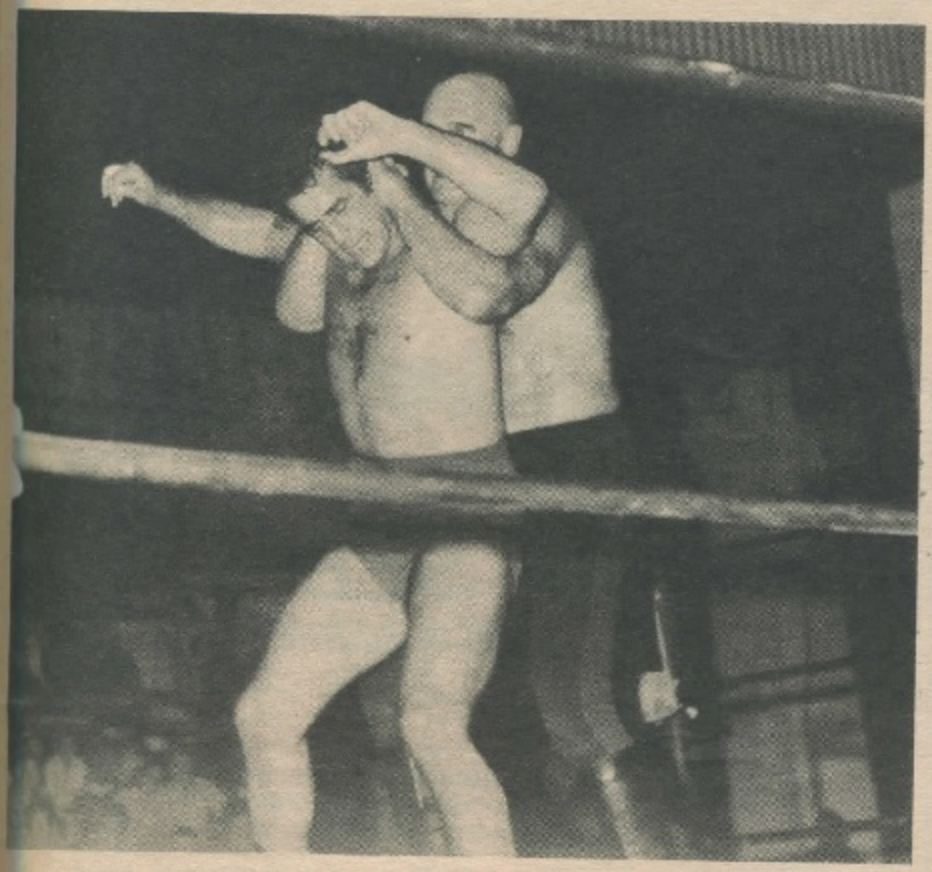
The man who originated one of the most famout quotes in sports history, "Sportsmanship is a dirty word!" is still living up to that motto.

The night these photos were taken Hans was in action against the popular Dewey Robertson in a small town in Missouri and he proved again, by kicking, gouging, biting and stomping his way to victory, that he is one of the meanest most vicious wrestlers in the world.

The German Terror is still going strong. It was over a decade ago when Hans Schmidt was first mentioned in our sister magazine. Wrestling Revue. He was a top brawler at that time, and we stated "Probably no athlete is more hated by more people.

"Hans Schmidt is hated with a hatred usually reserved for kidnappers and dictators. Extra police are required to protect his life while he stalks to and from the ring; he must wait, often, for as many as three hours before leaving an arena — to avoid

Hans Schmidt may be older, but age hasn't mellowed him



Left: Dewey Robertson struggles to break out of the full nelson that Hans has applied. Right: The match ends as most matches have for the German over the years with the referee raising the hand of Hans Schmidt in victory.

lurking bands of fans resolved to 'get him.' More than one group of four or five aroused patrons has been arrested at midnight in the vicinity of an auditorium wherein Schmidt sat fuming impatiently. In the possession of the hoodlums have been found knives, razors and broken bottles. On one such occasion, a spokesman for a tough bunch said, 'That Schmidt — he's not fit to be on earth. If you cops would lay off *us* and put *him* away, we might be less trouble. When we see him running around loose and making fifty grand a year by hurting people, how do you think we feel? Makes us decide t'hell with it — we might as well break the law, too!'

When a committee of leading citizens heard of this incident, they signed a petition barring Schmidt from wrestling in that particular midwestern town. However, since Schmidt was within his legal, if not moral, rights, the matter never came to trial."

But these words were printed more than ten years ago. The other top villains we wrote about at that time — Eddie Graham, Karl von Hess, Danny McShane, Hard Boiled Haggerty, Buddy Rogers, Skull Murphy, Duke Keomuka, and The Crusher — have all mellowed over the years or passed from the wrestling scene.

Maybe none of them were born and raised in the bitter atmosphere of hatred in Nazi Germany during the 1930's. Recently a movie about Hitler was made in Germany. The man playing the title role was an exact double of the famous Adolph.

During the filming he walked through the streets of a German city in full costume and thousands of Germans came up to him and congratulated him and told him how happy they were to have him back.

Hans Schmidt may be like these Nazis who have held in their love for Hitler and the Nazi cause and the hatred of everything democratic, American, and good. People like that who live for years with that suppressed hatred can never change and can only survive if they have an outlet for that hatred. In the case of Hans Schmidt, he takes it out on the opponents he meets in the wrestling ring.

Hans Schmidt is a bitter man. A veteran of many ring wars, he will never change, and as long as he is active in professional wrestling his opponents will have to continue to bear the hatred that has resulted from twenty-five years of frustration since Germany was defeated in World War II.

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Brent Seely is the Sports Director of CJOC-TV as well as the wrestling announcer.

BRENT SEELY

THE VOICE OF WRESTLING IN SOUTHERN ALBERTA

By PAT LANGER

CJOC Channel 7 telecasts professional wrestling at aproximately 3:00 p.m. every Saturday. This program is reshown every Monday night at 12:45 a.m.

Sports Director Brent Seely is considered the voice of wrestling in Southern Alberta. He has interviewed all of the top stars during his sports programs and is also the ring announcer at the Exhibition Pavillion every Monday night.

Brent Seely is just another one of the many announcers that we hope to spotlight in future issues of WRESTLING MONTHLY. For it is television that has made professional wrestling the number one sport in the world, and it is the many television announcers around the country who continue to make wrestling number one on television.

Stirling Gaylord is being introduced by Seely in the Lethbridge, Alberta, Exhibition Pavillion.

Seely interviews the tag team champions, Sugi Seto and Chin Lee, at the television state.

THE LISTENING POST

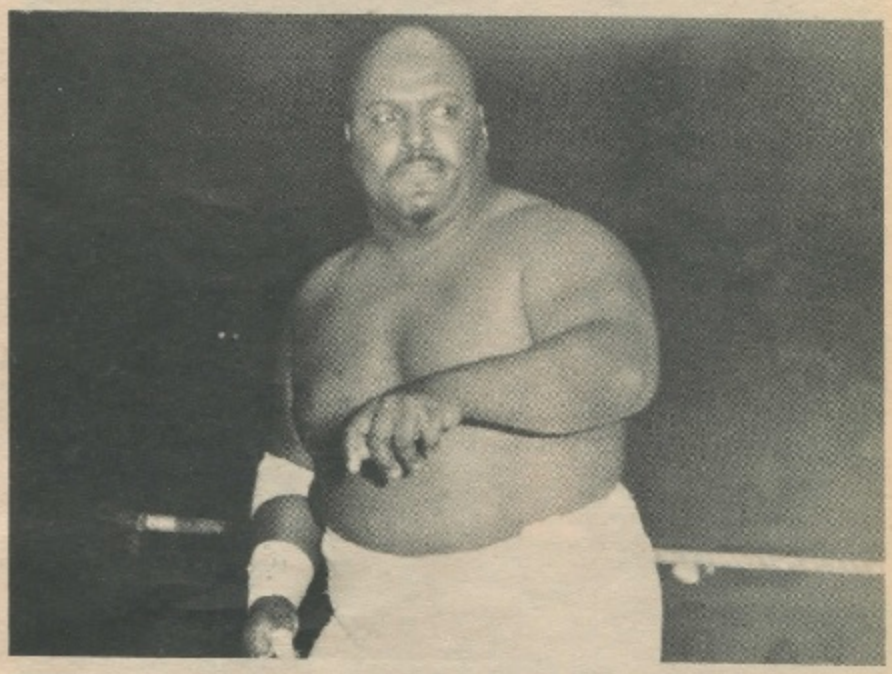
By EARLE F. YETTER

Promoters now agree that televised wrestling matches have returned pro wrestling to its rightful place in the sport curriculum. Matches are now being beamed into cities and towns that never saw wrestling before, with the result that crowds at live matches have been increasing steadily. When promoters sign up leading stars of the mat firmament for appearances before their clients those matches will be supported.

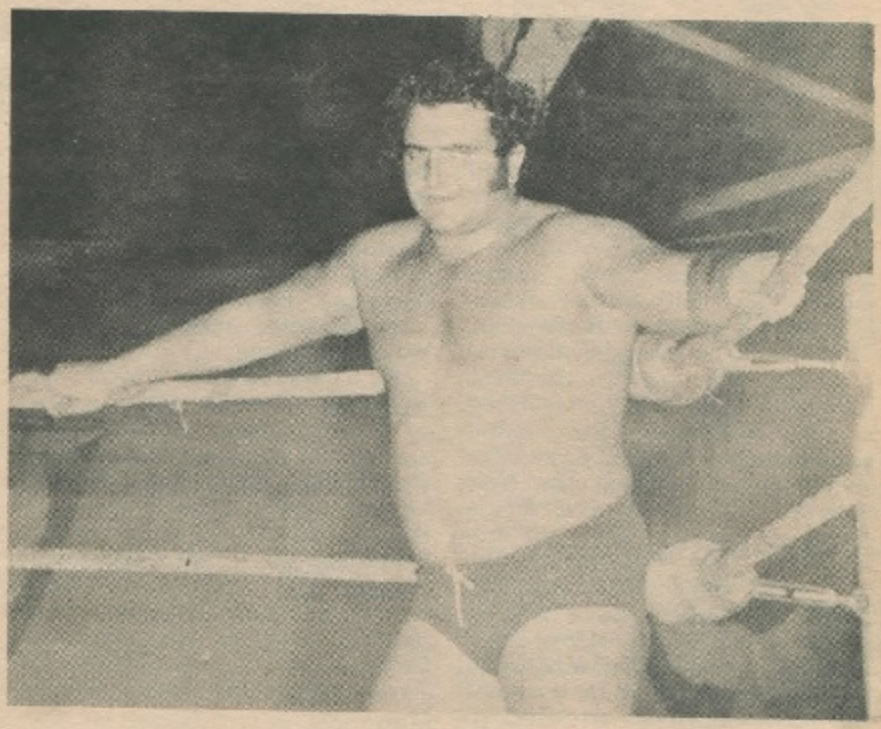
Ramon Torres came into Nebraska seeking revenge upon the two men who are alleged to have double-teamed his late lamented brother, Alberto, who sustained injuries that caused his death. Fighting with all the fury within his body, Ramon defeated The Claw and took the Mid-West Championship belt. His partner, Ox Baker, was then defeated in a hectic match with Ramon and left immediately for a tour of Japan. This was total retribution on the part of Ramon Torres.

Now tearing studios and rings apart in New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania is Abdullah The Butcher, a 300-pounder from India, who is managed by Beautiful Bruce Swayze. The Butcher is one of the most controversial figures to walk down the pike in the past six months. His attacks upon his opponents before the bell rings have been so violent that he has been threatened with suspension. Abdullah acts like a wildman. His future opponents can expect most explosive action when they face this "One Man Riot Squad." Just who will be able to calm down this madman remains to be seen.

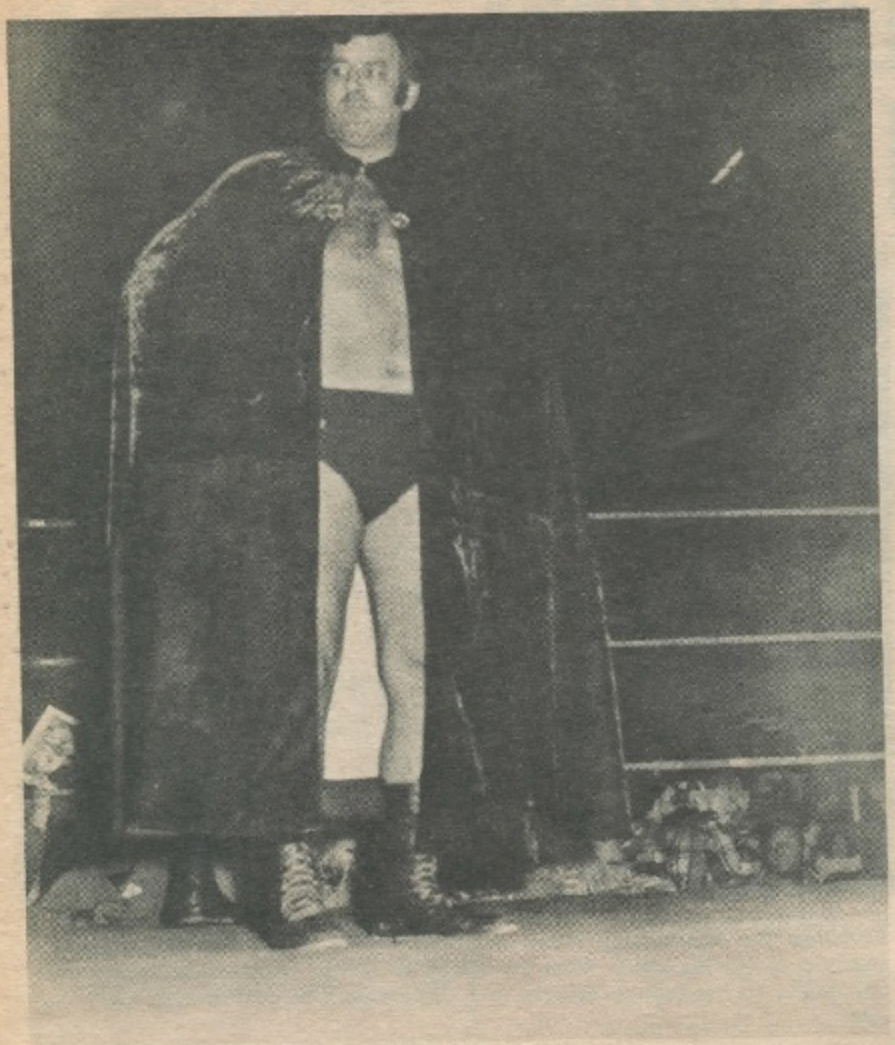
Coming into his own as an outstanding performer in the past six months is high-flying Tony Parisi, who formerly wrestled as Tony Pugliese. Parisi



Abdullah The Butch from Sudan is a wild-man in action and will do almost anything to win his match. Note the missile in his right hand which he uses upon opponents. He has been threatened with suspension if he continues to violate the rules.



Surly Tony Parisi has been coming up with great matches while battling for the privilege of a championship match.



Arrogant and vicious Baron Michael Scicluna gives all of his opponents plenty to think about.

is a cousin of Bruno Sammartino and in his matches can be seen the handiwork of the former WWWF world champion. Parisi has been a sparkling performer in single matches and teams occasionally with Chief White Owl in tag matches. Parisi says, "I am ready to meet anyone who cares to face me in the ring because I want to be considered as a contender for world championship honors. I can only do that by meeting the best possible opponents and I am ready to pay the price for any honors I have achieved in the past year. When a championship match is offered me I will be ready for the battle of my life." This lad certainly has something to look forward to as he is one of the most improved wrestlers to come to the fore in New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania in the past year.

Wrestling has been indulged in by no fewer than six former presidents of the United States. Our first president, George Washington, was forced to learn how to wrestle when he was only 15 years old, because he had been drubbed soundly by two lads his own age.

So, Washington took up wrestling earnestly and a couple of months later he came back and beat his two tormentors thoroughly. From that time on, he was never bothered again. At the age of 18 he defeated the Champion of Virginia. However, a year later he retired from wrestling to take up more serious matters such as becoming the Commander of the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War.

Most wrestling fans do not know this but Abraham Lincoln was undoubtedly the greatest of all our wrestling Presidents. He was classed as a great jumper, foot racer and weight-thrower and was ideally built for a grappler. During the Black Hawk Revolution he wrestled for the championship of his regiment and defeated seven opponents in a row. When he was 18 he wrestled the champion of Louisiana, Jack Armstrong, in New Orleans and defeated him after a gruelling match. To Lincoln went the honor of establishing wrestling in the Armed Services during the Civil War.

Ulysses S. Grant was another President who was said to be a rough and tough wrestler. When he became a commander of the Union Army during the Civil War he used to take great delight in mixing it up with some of the surly members of his company. It was said he was generally returned the victor because he would not want to suffer defeat at the hands of anyone in his company and lose their respect as their commander.

Zachary Taylor was another wrestling President who was known for his clever holds and the slam-bang tactics that are so prevalent in today's wrestling circles. If records are reliable he gave his opponents plenty to think about and he kept himself in good physical condition by wrestling often.

Theodore Roosevelt never wrestled professionally, but he took great delight in squaring away with some of the so-called smart alecs in his Rough Riders outfit. He is said to have been fast on his feet and had a variety of holds that generally returned him the victor in his matches.

William H. Taft was champion wrestler of Yale University. He was a powerful man who weighed around 300 pounds. He could sit in a chair, extend his right arm, and, grasping his opponent, hurl him off his feet and over his own shoulder without seeming to exert himself. If President Taft were alive today he could probably hold his own in the professional ranks.

It is the purpose of this column to try to enlighten our many readers with facts about the sport of wrestling that have not been brought to light before. All I can say is that if wrestling was indulged in by six former Presidents of the U.S. as a

healthy endeavor then wrestling is here to stay despite maligning from time to time by some of the arm-chair cynics.

Diane Merold of Washington, D.C., who corresponds with me regularly, is perhaps the most enthusiastic follower of wrestling on the Eastern seaboard. She keeps on file records of matches at the Coliseum in Washington as well as in Altoona and Philadelphia, Pa., Baltimore, Md. and New York City. She is also an expert in rating the abilities of the wrestlers and whether they are of championship calibre or not. Orchids to Miss Merold for the fine co-operation she also gives to many wrestlers' fan clubs and their officers.

While we have been toying with the idea of having a Question and Answer section in this column, we feel that the delay of answers to the inquiries would be too lenghty and in justice to the readers we are advising that you send in your questions to the writer with a self-addressed, stamped envelope and then we can give you the answers by return mail. It would be better that way in my estimation. My address will be printed at the end of the column. Thank you.

Down Florida way a bright prospect for championship honors is Jack Brosco, who is forever on the heels of Dory Funk, Jr., seeking a championship match. He and Bill Robinson of England are two of the most talented performers of the past six months and will have to be regarded as leading contenders.

Another arrogant and vicious perpetrator of mat mayhem is Baron Michaele Scicluna who hails from the island of Malta and is particularly hostile to German opponents. The Baron cannot get out of his mind the turmoil and anguish his people suffered during World War II when almost nightly attacks by the German Luftwaffe upon the defenseless island spread despair and destruction for miles around.

When he faces a German antagonist he treats him as though he were one of the pilots who dumped the bombs on his native island. When that happens there is no letup in his brutal attacks. His opponents know they are in for a rough time when they face the unbridled Baron. He is also among the leading contenders for championship honors and has appeared before sellout crowds in New York's Madison Squard Garden. Even the blase Manhattan fans know that Scicluna always gives them action every minute he is in the ring, and he helps to pull the fans through the turnstiles.

As this column goes to press there is nothing definite regarding the possibility of the girl wrestlers obtaining licenses to appear in New York State. While the girls are charging discrimination and a violation of the Equal Rights Law, Edwin B. Dooley, Chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission, continues to turn thumbs down on the girls appearing in the Empire State. California, New Jersey, Michigan, Florida and Pennsylvania, and even Canada have opened the gates for the girls to appear and we might add with considerable success as far as those fans are concerned. How long must the girls wait to appear in New York State, Mr. Dooley?

Now on to general topics as space will allow. Tex McKenzie, who sustained mangled legs in an auto mishap several years ago, is back in action with a tremendous desire to reach the top. Here is a lad with plenty of moxie and assurance in his ability and he has returned to the sport he loves even though the medics said he would never wrestle again. Good wrestling, Tex. You are one of the best, so may the best come back to you.

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T. V. WRESTLING GUIDE

In this section we attempt to list every television wrestling show in the world. Although we have a fairly complete listing, the changeable nature of television schedules makes it impossible for us to be sure that it is complete and up to date. Therefore, we request that our readers help us by letting us know of any changes in the television schedule in their area, and of any shows that we have failed to list or listed incorrectly.

CHANNEL	CITY	DAY	TIME
ALABAMA			
19 WHNT	Huntsville	Saturday	4:00 P.M.
40 WHMA	Anniston	Saturday	4:00 P.M.
33 WCFT	Tuscaloosa	Saturday	5:00 P.M.
42 WBMG	Birmingham	Saturday	10:00 P.M.
40 WHMA	Anniston	Wednesday	10:30 P.M.
4 WTVY	Dothan	Saturday	4:30 P.M.
32 WKAB	Montgomery	Saturday	10:15 P.M.
ARIZONA			
21 KPAZ	Phoenix	Thursday	7:00 P.M.
11 KZAZ	Nogales	Sunday	5:00 P.M.
ARKANSAS			
10 KTVE	El Dorado	Saturday	4:00 P.M.
5 KFSA	Fort Smith	Saturday	12:00 P.M.
8 KAIT	Jonesboro	Saturday	1:00 P.M.
8 KAIT	Jonesboro	Sunday	1:00 P.M.
40 KFPW	Fort Smith	Saturday	12:00 P.M.
CALIFORNIA			
13 KCOP	Los Angeles	Saturday	8:00 P.M.
34 KMEX	Los Angeles	Saturday	11:00 A.M.
34 KMEX	Los Angeles	Wednesday	7:30 P.M.
40 KLXA	Los Angeles	Friday	8:05 P.M.
40 KTLX	Sacramento	Saturday	5:00 P.M.
36 KGSC	San Jose	Saturday	9:00 P.M.
44 KBHK	San Francisco	Saturday	5:00 P.M.
40 KTLX	Sacramento	Sunday	4:00 P.M.
34 KMEX	Los Angeles	Thursday	11:00 P.M.
COLORADO			
4 KOA	Denver	Saturday	4:00 P.M.
5 KOAA	Pueblo	Saturday	4:00 P.M.
5 KOAA	Pueblo	Friday	3:30 P.M.
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA			
20 WDCA	Washington	Saturday	3:30 P.M.
FLORIDA			
3 WEAR	Pensacola	Saturday	10:00 P.M.
12 WFGA	Jacksonville	Saturday	1:00 P.M.
6 WCTV	Tallahassee	Saturday	5:00 P.M.
5 WPTV	Palm Beach	Saturday	1:00 P.M.
23 WLTV	Miami	Saturday	2:00 P.M.
6 WCIX	Miami	Saturday	3:30 P.M.
9 WFTV	Orlando	Sunday	2:30 P.M.
11 WINK	Fort Myers	Saturday	4:00 P.M.
44 WTOG	Tampa	Saturday	8:00 P.M.
10 WLCY	St. Petersburg	Saturday	1:00 P.M.
40 WXLT	Sarasota	Sunday	5:00 P.M.
GEORGIA			
3 WRBL	Columbus	Saturday	4:00 P.M.
41 WCWB	Macon	Saturday	1:00 P.M.
17 WTCG	Atlanta	Saturday	6:00 P.M.
41 WCWB	Macon	Sunday	3:00 P.M.
6 WJBF	Augusta	Saturday	3:00 P.M.
HAWAII			
9 KGMB	Honolulu	Saturday	3:30 P.M.
3 KMAU	Wailuku	Saturday	3:30 P.M.
9 KPUA	Hilo	Saturday	3:30 P.M.
9 KGMB	Honolulu	Friday	10:30 P.M.
3 KMAU	Wailuku	Friday	10:30 P.M.
9 KPUA	Hilo	Friday	10:30 P.M.
ILLINOIS			
26 WCIU	Chicago	Saturday	5:00 P.M.
26 WCIU	Chicago	Sunday	11:00 A.M.
13 WREX	Rockford	Sunday	11:00 A.M.
8 WQAD	Moline	Saturday	5:30 P.M.
10 WGEM	Quincy	Saturday	11:25 P.M.
8 WQAD	Moline	Sunday	11:30 P.M.
26 WCIU	Chicago	Thursday	10:30 P.M.
INDIANA			
7 WTVW	Evansville	Saturday	3:00 P.M.
28 WSJV	South Bend	Saturday	2:00 P.M.
4 WTTV	Indianapolis	Saturday	12:45 P.M.
8 WISH	Indianapolis	Friday	1:00 P.M.
IOWA			
13 WHO	Des Moines	Saturday	12:00 P.M.
7 KWWL	Waterloo	Saturday	4:30 P.M.
3 KYVO	Ottumwa	Sunday	2:00 P.M.
13 WHO	Des Moines	Sunday	11:00 P.M.
4 KTVI	Sioux City	Saturday	10:30 P.M.
KANSAS			
59 KCIT	Kansas City	Saturday	3:30 P.M.
7 KOAM	Pittsburg	Saturday	1:00 P.M.
KENTUCKY			
32 WLKY	Louisville	Sunday	4:00 P.M.
13 WBKO	Bowling Green	Saturday	3:00 P.M.
13 WBKO	Bowling Green	Sunday	4:00 P.M.
LOUISIANA			
10 KTVE	El Dorado	Saturday	4:00 P.M.
3 KTBS	Shreveport	Saturday	12:30 P.M.
6 WVUE	New Orleans	Saturday	12:00 P.M.
10 KLFY	Monroe	Saturday	3:00 P.M.
26 WWOM	New Orleans	Saturday	9:30 P.M.
9 WAFB	Lafayette	Sunday	12:00 P.M.
MAINE			
13 WGAN	Portland	Saturday	1:00 P.M.
5 WABI	Bangor	Saturday	11:15 P.M.
MARYLAND			
45 WBFF	Baltimore	Saturday	4:00 P.M.
25 WHAG	Hagerstown	Sunday	11:30 A.M.
MASSACHUSETTS			
38 WSBK	Boston	Saturday	3:00 P.M.
56 WKBG	Boston	Saturday	11:00 A.M.
27 WSMW	Worcester	Monday	8:30 P.M.
MICHIGAN			
10 WLIX	Lansing	Saturday	6:00 P.M.
62 WXON	Detroit	Saturday	5:00 P.M.
62 WXON	Detroit	Thursday	9:00 P.M.
10 WILX	Jackson	Saturday	3:30 P.M.
5 WNEM	Saginaw	Sunday	3:00 P.M.
41 WUHQ	Battle Creek	Sunday	5:00 P.M.
62 WXON	Detroit	Friday	9:00 P.M.
9 WWTV	Cadillac	Saturday	4:00 P.M.
MINNESOTA			
11 WTCN	Minneapolis	Saturday	6:00 P.M.
3 KDAL	Duluth	Saturday	5:00 P.M.
MISSISSIPPI			
4 WCBI	Columbus	Saturday	11:00 P.M.
13 WLOX	Biloxi	Saturday	10:30 P.M.
12 WJTV	Jackson	Saturday	3:00 P.M.
6 WABG	Greenwood	Saturday	5:30 P.M.
7 WDAM	Hattiesburg	Saturday	4:00 P.M.
9 WTWV	Tupelo	Saturday	11:40 P.M.
MISSOURI			
2 KQTV	St. Joseph	Saturday	10:30 P.M.
11 KPLR	St. Louis	Saturday	10:30 P.M.
11 KPLR	St. Louis	Sunday	11:00 A.M.
3 KYTV	Springfield	Sunday	11:00 P.M.
8 KOMU	Columbia	Saturday	2:00 P.M.
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MONTANA			
3 KYUS	Miles City	Friday	9:00 P.M.
NEBRASKA			
13 KHOL	Kearney	Saturday	9:30 P.M.
7 KETV	Omaha	Monday	10:30 P.M.
6 WOW	Omaha	Saturday	4:00 P.M.
NEVADA			
5 KHBV	Henderson	Saturday	5:30 P.M.

NEW HAMPSHIRE			
9 WMUR	Manchester	Sunday	1:00 P.M.
NEW JERSEY			
41 WXTV	Paterson	Saturday	5:00 P.M.
47 WNJU	Newark	Friday	10:30 P.M.
NEW MEXICO			
8 KSWS	Roswell	Saturday	12:00 P.M.
10 KBIM	Roswell	Saturday	10:30 P.M.
7 KOAT	Albuquerque	Sunday	12:00 P.M.
NEW YORK			
36 WENY	Elmira	Saturday	10:30 P.M.
20 WVTR	Utica	Saturday	12:45 P.M.
6 WRGB	Schenectady	Sunday	11:00 P.M.
2 WKTV	Utica	Sunday	2:00 P.M.
34 WBJA	Binghamton	Sunday	2:00 P.M.
29 WUTV	Buffalo	Sunday	1:30 P.M.
2 WGR	Buffalo	Saturday	12:30 P.M.
8 WROC	Rochester	Saturday	1:00 P.M.
CATV	New York City	Friday	11:30 P.M.
CATV	New York City	Saturday	7:30 P.M.
NORTH CAROLINA			
28 WRDU	Durham	Saturday	4:00 P.M.
8 WGHP	High Point	Saturday	6:30 P.M.
36 WRET	Charlotte	Saturday	7:30 P.M.
5 WRAL	Raleigh	Saturday	5:00 P.M.
3 WRAL	Charlotte	Saturday	5:00 P.M.
3 WBTV	Charlotte	Wednesday	8:30 P.M.
NORTH DAKOTA			
12 KCND	Pembina	Saturday	5:30 P.M.
12 KCND	Pembina	Friday	5:00 P.M.
4 KXJB	Fargo	Friday	10:40 P.M.
11 KXMD	Williston	Friday	10:30 P.M.
12 KXMB	Bismarck	Friday	10:40 P.M.
13 KXMC	Minot	Friday	10:40 P.M.
OHIO			
19 WXIX	Cincinnati	Sunday	10:00 A.M.
19 WXIX	Cincinnati	Saturday	3:00 P.M.
6 WTVN	Columbus	Saturday	2:00 P.M.
23 WAKR	Akron	Saturday	3:00 P.M.
61 WKBF	Cleveland	Saturday	6:00 P.M.
43 WUAB	Cleveland	Saturday	7:00 P.M.
17 WJAN	Canton	Tuesday	7:00 P.M.
17 WJAN	Canton	Friday	5:00 P.M.
35 WIMA	Lima	Saturday	4:00 P.M.
22 WKEF	Dayton	Sunday	1:00 P.M.
24 WDHO	Toledo	Sunday	4:00 P.M.
OKLAHOMA			
6 KOTV	Tulsa	Saturday	3:00 P.M.
8 KFDO	Sayre	Saturday	4:00 P.M.
4 WKY	Oklahoma City	Saturday	3:00 P.M.
OREGON			
12 KPTV	Portland	Saturday	8:30 P.M.
6 KOIN	Portland	Friday	11:30 P.M.
PENNSYLVANIA			
29 WTAF	Philadelphia	Saturday	3:00 P.M.
48 WKBS	Philadelphia	Saturday	5:00 P.M.
22 WDAU	Scranton	Saturday	5:30 P.M.
21 WHIP	Harrisburg	Saturday	4:30 P.M.
29 WTAF	Philadelphia	Wednesday	11:30 P.M.
11 WIIC	Pittsburgh	Saturday	5:30 P.M.
53 WPGH	Pittsburgh	Sunday	3:30 P.M.
24 WJET	Erie	Saturday	10:00 P.M.
RHODE ISLAND			
12 WPRI	Providence	Saturday	12:30 P.M.
SOUTH CAROLINA			
4 WFBC	Greenville	Saturday	1:00 P.M.
19 WNOK	Columbia	Saturday	2:00 P.M.
5 WCSC	Charleston	Saturday	3:00 P.M.
13 WBTW	Florence	Saturday	4:00 P.M.
25 WOLO	Columbia	Saturday	11:15 P.M.
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11 KELO	Sioux Falls	Saturday	3:00 P.M.
6 KPLO	Reliance	Saturday	3:00 P.M.
3 KDLO	Garden City	Saturday	3:00 P.M.
TENNESSEE			
8 WSIX	Nashville	Sunday	2:00 P.M.
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13 WHBQ	Memphis	Saturday	2:30 P.M.
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TEXAS			
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9 KRBC	Abilene	Saturday	4:00 P.M.
11 KTVT	Fort Worth	Saturday	10:30 P.M.
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3 KIII	Corpus Christi	Saturday	10:30 P.M.
41 KWEX	San Antonio	Friday	9:00 P.M.
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12 KSAT	San Antonio	Saturday	10:30 P.M.
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22 WWLP	Rutland	Saturday	1:00 P.M.
3 WCAX	Burlington	Saturday	2:00 P.M.
VIRGINIA			
6 WTVR	Richmond	Saturday	5:00 P.M.
10 WAVY	Norfolk	Saturday	4:00 P.M.
10 WSLS	Roanoke	Saturday	12:30 P.M.
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6 KHQ	Spokane	Sunday	4:30 P.M.
13 KIVW	Tacoma	Wednesday	7:00 P.M.
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8 WCHS	Charleston	Saturday	5:00 P.M.
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4 WOAY	Oak Hill	Saturday	10:30 P.M.
6 WHIS	Bluefield	Saturday	3:00 P.M.
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18 WVTV	Milwaukee	Saturday	5:00 P.M.
11 WLUK	Green Bay	Saturday	12:30 P.M.
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11 WLVK	Green Bay	Sunday	1:15 P.M.
34 KFIZ	Fond du Lac	Sunday	6:30 P.M.
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3 CFRN	Edmonton	Saturday	1:30 P.M.
6 CHAT	Medicine Hat	Monday	10:40 P.M.
2 CFAC	Calgary	Monday	1:10 P.M.
7 CJOC	Lethbridge	Monday	12:45 P.M.
4 CFCN	Calgary	Monday	11:40 P.M.
13 CFCN	Lethbridge	Monday	11:40 P.M.
2 CKSA	Lloydminster	Wednesday	11:40 P.M.
7 CJOC	Lethbridge	Saturday	3:00 P.M.
BRITISH COLUMBIA			
6 CHEK	Victoria	Saturday	11:00 A.M.
8 CHAN	Vancouver	Saturday	6:00 P.M.
8 CHAN	Vancouver	Sunday	11:20 P.M.
MANITOBA			
7 CJAY	Winnipeg	Saturday	9:00 P.M.
NOVA SCOTIA			
5 CJCH	Halifax	Saturday	7:00 P.M.
ONTARIO			
9 CKLW	Windsor	Saturday	4:30 P.M.
11 CHCH	Hamilton	Saturday	1:00 P.M.
11 CHCH	Hamilton	Saturday	9:30 P.M.
13 CKCO	Kitchner	Saturday	3:30 P.M.
8 CJOH	Ottawa	Saturday	3:30 P.M.
13 CJOH	Cornwall	Saturday	12:00 P.M.
3 CKVR	Barrie	Saturday	1:00 P.M.
9 CBLT	Toronto	Saturday	3:30 P.M.
13 CKCO	Kitchener	Tuesday	11:45 P.M.
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5 CKBI	Prince Albert	Saturday	12:00 P.M.
8 CFQC	Saskatoon	Saturday	12:00 P.M.
5 CJFB	Swift Current	Tuesday	6:30 P.M.
QUEBEC			
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4 CKRN	Rouyn	Saturday	5:00 P.M.
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6 CJPM	Chicoutimi	Monday	11:00 P.M.
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Doctors say the wrestling career of Whipper is over, but Whipper has come back before from many serious injuries. The former British Empire and World Champion has vowed to return to the ring, but can he do it at 55?

Everyone throughout the sport of professional wrestling is wishing him the best and a speedy and complete recovery. Whipper is not just a great wrestler, but also a great person who has been involved in many community endeavors. His charity work, particularly on behalf of crippled children, has made him one of wrestling's top good-will ambassadors.

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Another excellent bulletin from the East is the Boston Wrestling Scene published by John Sinibaldi Jr. at 28 Sheffield Rd., Boston, Mass. 02131. Sample copies are 35 cents or $2.50 for a year's subscription.

Another one of the real top-notch clubs is the Frankie Laine International Fan Club. The current issue contains many reprinted clippings of Frankie's matches. You can get in touch with the club by writing to P.O. Box 613, Delaware, Ohio 43015.

Ken Taylor is putting out a new publication called Lone Star Wrestling that will include state-wide results, main event action stories and many features. If you would like to get in touch with Ken, write him at 1106-8917 Senate, Dallas, Texas 75228.

Another one of the top-notch clubs from the Lone Star state is Texas Wrestling Results. Why not try a sample copy for 35 cents or three-issue subscription for $1.00? The club address is 1045 Doddridge, Corpus Christi, Texas 78411.

Another one of the real fine clubs is the Pepper Gomez fan club headed by Frank Cather. He also has a photo list, which you can get for an 8-cent stamp. Frank also sells wrestling picture posters for 50 cents plus a 12-cent stamp. You can write to Frank at Station C, P.O. Box 4327, San Jose, California 95126.

Gary Kamensack, 12265 Corbett, Detroit, Michigan 48213, is looking for photographers in Tornoto, Honolulu, Buffalo, St. Louis, and Tokyo who are willing to trade 3½ x 5 photos Thanks for the samples, Gary, they were very good.

Dan Botelho, 4739 Windmill Road, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001, would like to have pen pals who are fans of Edouard Carpentier, Billy Robinson, Red Bastien, Crusher, and Bad Boy Bullinski.

One of the most active fan clubs is the International Edouard Carpentier Fan Club headed by Rosie Macumber. Why not drop her a line at 221 Jasper Drive, Security, Colorado 80911.

Robert Cunningham of 3509 Kent Lane, Wichita Falls, Texas 76308, heads the Texas Wrestling Scene Fan Club. This is a bi-monthly bulletin and subscriptions for one year are $2.00.

David Meltzer of 6562 Winterset Way, San Jose, California 95120, is starting a newsletter about wrestling happenings in California. There will be stories on the top wrestling stars in California, pictures, and official wrestling ratings. The newsletter will come out every two weeks and cost 25 cents per issue.

Airman Leonard A. Burstein, FR 1444o9937, Box T-475, Tinker AFB, Ok. 73145, is willing to trade news, results, and photostated clippings from Oklahoma City for same from other areas, especially other parts of the Ozark area.

Makoto Ishii, 17-16 3 chome, Shimoda City Shizuoka, 415, Japan, would like to trade American programs and photos for Japanese. His favorites are Dory Funk Fr., The Sheik, and Fritz Von Erich.

Lon Paskowitz, 24 Brighton 10 Path, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11235, has a club, Tri-State Wrestling News. The

Cowboy Lang signs autographs for a group of his admirers in Norfolk, Virginia.

bulletins are published monthly for 30 cents a copy or if you subscribe for $3.00 you will receive a free 8 x 10 photo of a top East Coast star.

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Diana J. Carter of Union Grove, Wisconsin, has received permission from Billy Robinson to start a fan club in his honor. The dues will be $2.00 a year with four bulletins per year. A membership card and a jumbo color print will be given to each new member. The spring bulletin will be ready by March 1st.

Don Freedman, 66 The Village Green, Williamsville, N.Y. 14221, has a publication called Pro Wrestling Monthly. It sells for 30 cents per copy or 12 issues for $3.00. Don would like correspondents, who will get bulletins for half price for sending monthly news from their area.

William Ondecko, 2105 East William, Decatur Illinois 62521, has Wee Willy's Photo Service. Thanks for the excellent shots of Dick the Bruiser, who just happens to be my favorite wrestler.

Joe Fernandez of 319 Sweeny Street, San Francisco, Calif. 94134, has a publication entitled San Francisco All Star Wrestling Club. He will send a free copy of his bulletin for an 8-cent stamp. Subscription rates are $2.00 for which you will receive the monthly Newsletter, the $1.00 annual, and a membership card.

The following is a list of clubs and services which are in good standing with this writer. Why not try some, as I give them all my highest recommendation.

The Eddie Marlin Fan Club published by Dorothy Smith and Charlene Durnil at 5517 Rustic Way, Louisville, Ky. 40218.

Brian Bukantis' Arena Professional Wrestling Magazine covers Detroit mat action for 25 cents. The address is Arena Professional Wrestling Magazine, Box 61, Fraser, Michigan 48026.

Pam Daniels, 544 Leonard Road, Norfold, Va. 23505, has a fine bulletin honoring George Becker and Johnny Weaver.

The A.W.A. Fan Club in care of Kathy Szalewski, 1003 So. 16th St., Apt. 11, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53204.

Susan Harman's Ringside Reporter, P.O. Box 324, Eugene, Oregon 97401, is a newspaper for 25 cents per copy, or $2.50 for a year's subscription.

The Main Event Official Louie Tillet Fan Club Magazine published by Joe Combs, P.O. Box 152, Miami Shores, Florida 33153, with subscription rates of $2.00 per year for the monthly magazine.

Eddie Giovannetti and Steve Sturgeon's San Francisco Wrestling Beat, 1823 Sweetwood Drive, Colma, California 94015. Sample copies are 30 cents, subscription rates are $1.50 for a year.

Mick Carch's Lean Mean Machine in honor of Nick Bockwinkel for 50 cents. Write Mick at 5621 Minnetonka Blvd. 210, St. Louis Park, Minnesota 55416.

Wayne Lebo, 1825 Daytonia Road, Miami Beach, Fla. 33141, has a fan club honoring Jack and Jerry Brisco.

The Wrestling Fans International Organization, P.O. Box 11007, St. Louis, Mo. 63135, whose annual convention for this year is scheduled for October 6, 7, and 8 in Los Angeles.

Ronald Dobratz, P.O. Box 1807, Rockford, Ill. 61110, has the Wrestling Information Bulletin for 50 cents per copy.

Rosetta Lamons, Route 3, Buttermild Road, Concord, Tennessee 37720, has a fan club for Ron and Don Wright. Subscriptions are $3.00 per year.

The New England W.W.W.F. News, bi-monthly bulletin for 25 cents per copy or five issued for $1.00. Write to Terry Allen, 110 Atlantic Ave., Marblehead, Mass. 01945.

The Canadian Wrestling News & Results run by Denys Douville, 2199 de la Canardiere, Quebec City 3, Quebec, Canada. Copies are 50 cents.

Bruce Evans fan club in honor of Marie Vagnone. Dues are $2.00. The address is M.V.F.C., P.O. Box 783, Reseda, Calif. 91335.

Rick Wesolowski's fan club for Rene Goulet and John Wesoloski's fan club for the villians of wrestling. Their address is 3415 Wellington Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19149.

Great wrestling photographers are Lil Al, P.O. Box 4, 452 Avenue B., Port Allen, Louisiana; Gene Gordon, 419 Sylvania, Charlotte N.C. 28206 whose specialty is girl wrestlers, both posed and action shots; Hartley Cooper, 21 Cherryhill Rd., Winnipeg 17, Manitoba, Canada; Dave Maciejewski, 7842 N. Link Pl., Milwaukee Wisc. 53223; and Earl F. Yetter, 138 Lockwood Ave., Buffalo, N.Y. 15220.

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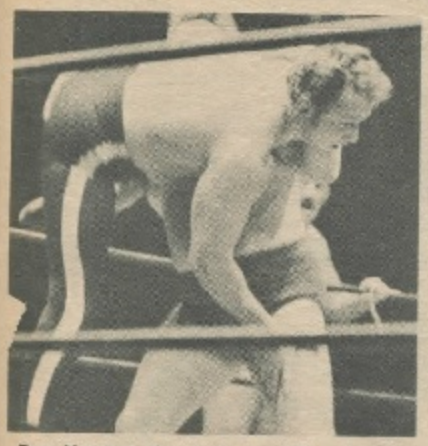
If any of you readers have a fan club, photo service, or desire pen pals, and want to be listed in this column, you can write to me at 1627 Shields Ave., St. Paul, Minnesota 55104. By the way, I have a sale on back issues of the Wrestling News, the number one arena magazine. You can get Packet A (nine different issues) for $3.00 or Packet B (nine other issues) for the same price. If you want to save $4.00 off the cover price, you can get a combination Packet of 18 issues for $5.00. As a final note, I would like to add that if you desire personal reply from myself or any of the clubs or services listed, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

KANGAROOS (Continued from Page 17)



Don Kent is about to send Ben Justice flying into orbit.

The Fabulous Kangaroos have been one of the most successful tag teams in professional wrestling history.

Ben Justice is the victim of a punishing Don Kent headlock in the second fall of this title match.

Al Costello is about to plant his boot in the face of the helpless Stomper.

After the match, Wrestling Monthly's Associate Publisher, Lew Eskin, admires the World Tag Team Championship belts of The Kangaroos.

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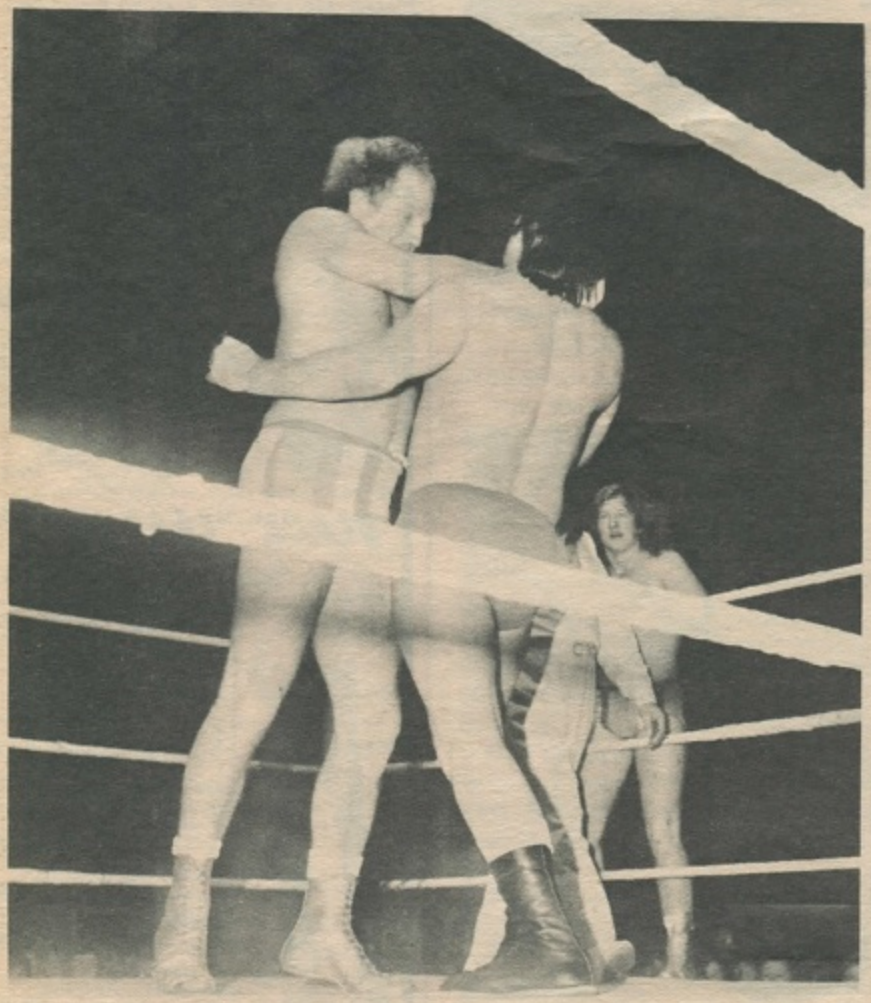

Jackie Pallo Sr. finishes off Steve Logan. Jackie Pallo Jr. can be seen on the apron of the ring during this tag team match.

BRITISH MAT NEWS
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Steve Logan and Mick McManus. The latter team were soon in the lead with a fall over their opponents and Jackie Junior was sorted out for some special attention. During the course of the bout there was a great deal of needling between McManus and Pallo Sr. In fact, both men were disqualified by Billy Barber. This left Jackie Junior to face Steve Logan on his own, and it came as no great surprise that Logan gained a pinfall to win the match.

Billy Torontos was again a great success when he defeated the heavier John Elijah. Throughout, Torontos would assist his opponent to his feet after a throw, then neatly kick away his feet. This brought roars of laughter from the crowd, but none from luckless Elijah.

Tough Guy De John, commonwealth welterweight champion, wrestles a great deal abroad, and is a great favorite in France. Just back from South Africa, Guy is looking for fresh worlds to conquer. He has met and beaten the best in the business over the years with his vast ring knowledge, on the Independent circuits. "Killer" Ken Davies, the Welsh champion, has issued a challenge to Guy De John, and RINGSPORT PROMOTIONS hope to be able to secure the match, with the Commonwealth title at stake, this year.

Michael Stock better known as The Doc, has of late become more aggressive in his wrestling. He has had a good grounding as an amateur, and in his pro training has trained with such well known men as Alan Colbeck, Ricki Starr, Mal Kirk, Ray Steele, etc., which has been of tremendous value to him. In actual combat he has met Ian Gilmour, Jimmy Saville, Dave Barrie and many other well-known grapplers. Weighing just under 160 pounds, The Doc is trying to increase his bodyweight to 165, the limit of the welterweight class. Then he hopes to find a good tag team partner and it is said they would wrestle under the name of "The Medics." His wife Eileen is his greatest booster, but on his present showing, he will soon boast an army of supporters.

Pete Lindberg, the strongman-wrestler of Independent wrestling, injured his back in combat a few weeks ago, and has been forced to cancel a number of his engagements. He tells me that he hopes to be back in action within the next few weeks.

Recently a reader sent me a copy of the now defunct "COMBAT" sport magazine dated August, 1948. The front cover was "Bulldog" Bill Garnon, the former British heavyweight champion, whilst inside cover a photo of yours truly. To revive memories I intend to republish the fine article inside on Bill Garnon, as he has a wrestling career of which he can be justly proud.

Several Independent promoters have become bankrupt, but the new promoters, Bob Courage, Alan Hollamby, Ron Farrar and RINGSPORT Promotions are all making wonderful progress. All are members of the new Britich Wrestling Alliance, and this organization is very much in the interests of the wrestling public, who deserve the best in return for their support.

Jim Breaks, British and European lightweight champion, isn't short of challengers for both his crowns and is kept a busy man. This tough little Yorkshireman from Bradford, is still ambitious enough to believe that he can win the world crown, now held by George Kidd of Scotland. Kidd is no young man, but he still has it in him to upset the young challengers, by foiling their attampts to defeat him, even in non-title bouts.

Mike Marino, the British Mid-heavyweight champion, is matched against Rocky Wall, British heavyweight champion. Mike is a great favorite wherever he wrestles, and he simply radiates personality and strength. However, even with his tremendous experience and skill, he is going to run into difficulties when he matches his 210 pounds against the 240-pound Rocky Wall, who is himself a great performer. I'm certainly going to make a point of seeing this bout in the flesh.

Geoff Portz, former British heavyweight champion, had his hands more than full against Bill Howes, despite a big weight advantage. Howes is a hard man to beat at the best of times, and he wrestles hard, too, Portz found out. The bigger man won, but was hard-pressed throughout. On equal terms at the end of the 5th round, Portz gained the winning flll in 25 seconds of the 6th session by a bodyslam and pinfall.

"Jumping" Jim Hussey of Manchester, had been out of wrestling since last August, having burst a blood vessel. Making a comeback, Jim tangled with Ray Glendenning. Both men scaled about 224. Fresh from a successful tour abroad, Glendenning scored the only fall required to win the match. On this showing, Jim Hussey will soon be his devastating self again.

Bernard Murray held four amateur wrestling titles before he went on to become one of Britain's top pro wrestlers. Today, he is often seen as the third man in the ring as referee, and I might add, he's every bit as good a referee as he was a wrestler — and that says plenty.

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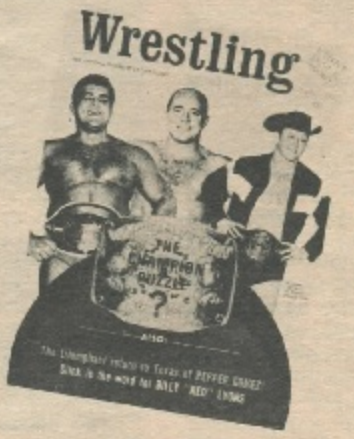

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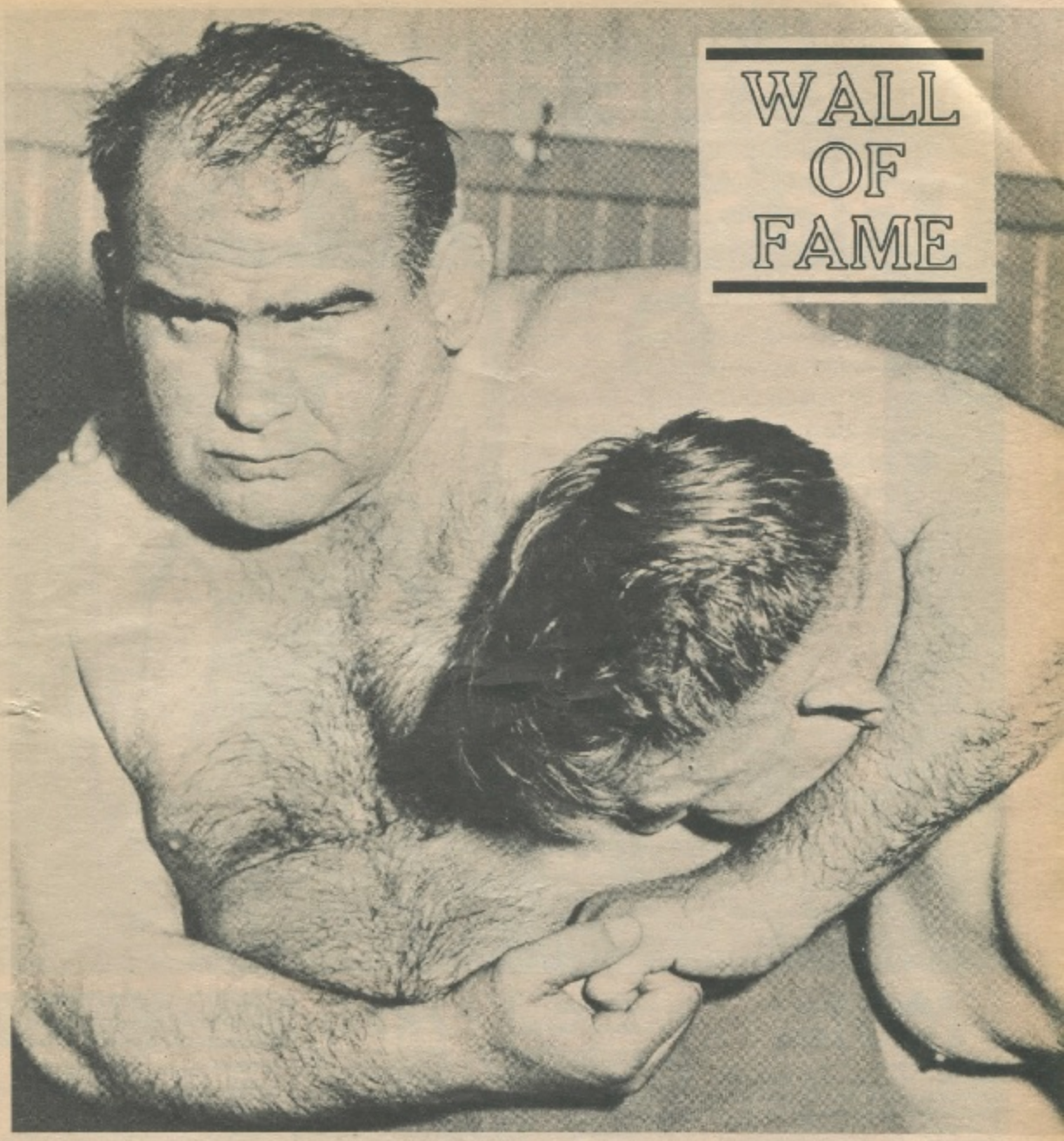

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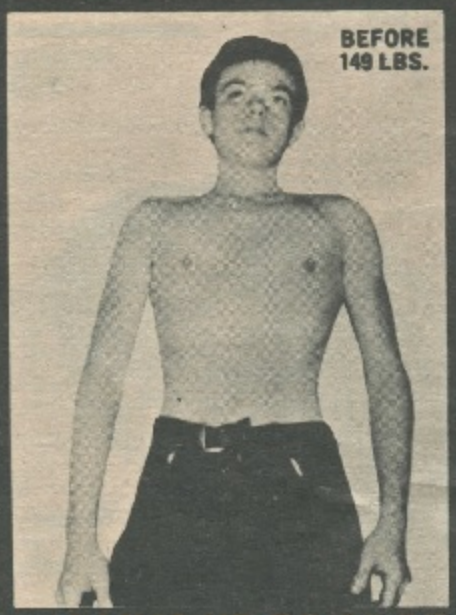

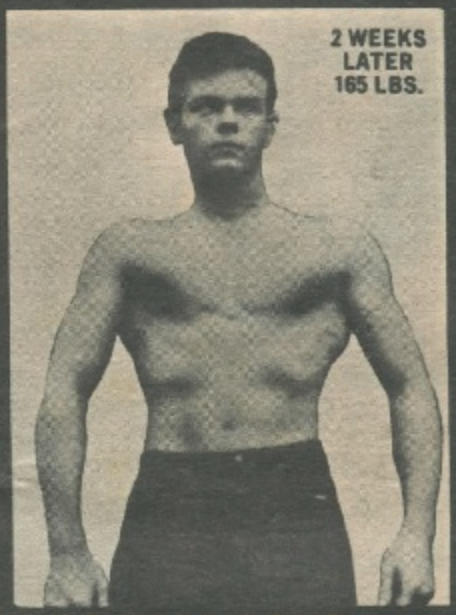

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